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Hundreds of children will miss out on grammar school spot

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AN ANXIOUS wait for parents to learn the fate of their child's performance in the 11-plus came to an end this week, triggering a race to secure a place at one of the county's grammar schools.

Both the results for the Kent Test and Medway Test were emailed and then mailed to parents.

In Kent, 5,370 children were found suitable for grammar school out of the 11,451 that sat the test – a 45 per cent success rate. Some 1,298 of the successful youngsters live outside the county – a figure similar to recent years, and a key factor in pressure on places in the west of county.

This 5,370 will now hope to secure one of 4,545 grammar school places in Kent, meaning 825 will miss out.

In Medway, 2,078 children sat the test, including those from outside the area, with 923 found suitable for grammar school. There are 926 selective places available in Medway.

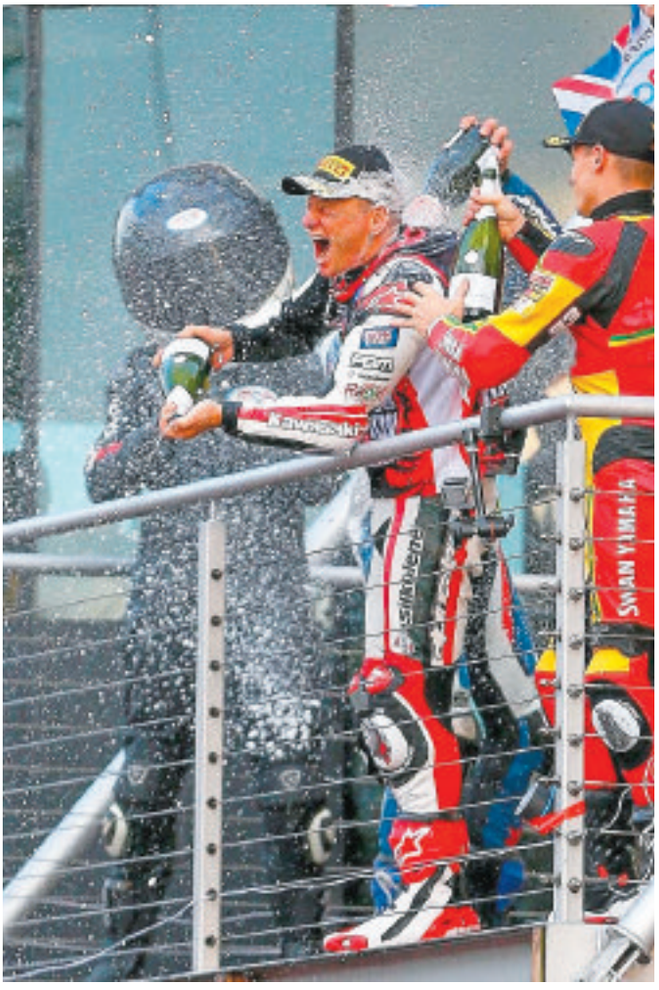
There is now a ten-day countdown to when all parents of children in Year 6 moving up to secondary schools in September 2013 must apply to their local authority, stating their preferred choices. They will learn their fate on March 1 when appeals against the choice of schools can begin.

Those in Kent can list four schools and in Medway, six.

Kent County Council cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Mike Whiting, said: "This can be an exciting and challenging time.

"I would encourage any families who haven't yet decided which school to apply for, to talk to the primary headteachers about which schools would be best

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'BOOTGATE' RAGES ON

RACING: Officials join debate over what happened to champ's boots – **SEE INSIDE**

ELECTION

Video song hits 'wrong note'

CANDIDATES in the race to become the first Kent Police and Crime Commissioner have mocked an independent rival after she released a video singing her praises to the tune of a well-known song by Gilbert and Sullivan. It was uploaded onto video website YouTube by Ann Barnes. **PAGE 3**

HOUSING

Liberty Park trouble is back

TROUBLED Wainscott housing estate Liberty Park is again under the spotlight after residents complained antisocial behaviour was back on the rise. It follows the ending of a dispersal order introduced by police to crack down on complaints of disturbances by gangs of youngsters. **PAGE 5**

CRIME

Arsonist set for sentence

A FIRESTARTER who sparked a blaze at the Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham to use it as a smokescreen to burgle the building is to be sentenced next month. The fire bug pulled the same stunt at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. In both cases, the buildings were evacuated. **PAGE 11**

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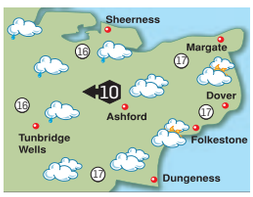
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TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	03.35	6.3	16.05	6.1
Margate	04.25	4.5	17.03	4.6
St Mary's	09.33	5.2	22.04	4.8

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Parents can appeal against decision not to accept their child

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suited to meeting their child's future educational needs and then visit the secondary schools they are most interested in before applying."

Eight secondaries in Kent are deemed 'super-selective', where they can give priority to children who scored the highest marks in the Kent or Medway Test.

Skinners School in Tunbridge Wells; The Judd School in Tonbridge; Tonbridge Grammar School; Rochester Grammar School; Rainham Mark Grammar in Gillingham; Dartford Grammar School for Girls; and Simon Langton for Boys in Canterbury, are all deemed super-selective. It means children who qualified for a grammar in those areas will not necessarily gain a place at one of these schools unless they scored over a certain target.

Education expert Peter Read, of Kent Independent Education Advice, offers support and information to parents going through the application process. He also assists with appeals.

He said in Medway there was a review process following the test where parents were entitled to apply for a review of the decision.

This is designed to select another two per cent of suitable children.

Parents are also entitled to appeal a school's decision not to accept a child.

"The important thing here is that parents understand they can't appeal against a decision that finds their child non-selective," said Mr Read.

"What they can do is put a grammar school on the list of preferred choices, even if the child is not found suitable for grammar. On March 1, when places are announced, they can then appeal against the school turning their child down. Alternative evidence can be put forward at this point."

Mr Read directed parents to his website www.kentadvice.co.uk/home for more information.

To download KCC's Admission to Secondary School in Kent 2013 booklet see www.kent.gov.uk or go to www.kent.gov.uk/ola to apply online.

Visit http://bit.ly/WDCtmO for details of Medway's application process.

SO, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

■ The closing date to apply for a selective and non-selective secondary school place for September 2013 in both Kent and Medway is Wednesday, October 31. However, because of the October half-term, applications received before 5pm on Monday, November 5, will be considered by KCC to be on-time.

■ The national offer day is March 1, 2013. Families who registered online and provided an email address will be sent an email after 4pm on Friday, March 1. Letters will be sent to all families by first-class post to arrive on March 2.

HEALTH

Cancer survivor urges young women to check their breasts

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A BREAST cancer survivor who lost her mother, great aunt and grandmother to the disease is urging young women to start checking their breasts.

Amanda Allen was just 33 when she was diagnosed.

Now fully recovered, the 41-year-old, from Aylesford, near Maidstone, is advising women to get in the habit of checking their breasts for vital warning signs, and stressed they should start doing so from as young as 25.

"I know a lot of ladies who have been diagnosed in their early 30s – this doesn't just happen to older women," she said. "I would say as early as mid-20s women should start checking, particularly if they are concerned or have a history of the disease in the family."

Ms Allen asked for a mammogram in 2005 having lost her grandmother, great aunt, and mother to breast cancer.

Her mother had died just a year earlier aged 59, after fighting the disease for four years.

"I decided to get checked out early even though I didn't have symptoms, and I was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma, which is in the milk ducts.

"As a warning to women: you don't really get symptoms when it's in the milk ducts so if you're concerned you should get checked out."



CAMPAIGNER: Amanda Allen

Ms Allen went has had a double mastectomy and re-constructive surgery.

"Because of the history in my family, as a precaution they removed my other breast. I've had a complete removal of the tissue so, while you can never say never, the chances are very small that it will come back."

Since recovering from the illness, Ms Allen has become an avid fundraiser for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

"All of my mother's female side of the family had it and died," she said. "If I hadn't gone for a check up, I may not have been here today."

New research from Breakthrough Breast Cancer has revealed less than half of women in the South East regularly check their breasts for signs of cancer.

In response to the findings, the charity, to coincide with Breast Cancer Awareness Month this month, is launching an awareness guide.

Charity ambassador Bernie Nolan, who was treated for the disease, urged women to pick up the guide.

The singer and actress said: "People assume finding a lump is the only way to spot breast cancer but that's not the case. I noticed my breasts had changed shape and immediately went to see my doctor. I cannot stress enough how important it is to get to know your breasts and check for unusual changes."

Channel 4 and Cancer Research have also joined forces to launch Stand up To Cancer, a drive to help raise funds to accelerate cancer research.

Friday night saw some of the biggest stars from TV, film and music come together for a fundraising extravaganza live on Channel 4.

Text TLC to 84424 (standard network rates apply) for a free handy TLC guide from Breakthrough Breast Cancer or see www.tlcguide.org to register.

NEW DRUGS HOPE

SCIENTISTS at the University of Kent in Canterbury have made a discovery which could lead to new drugs to treat cancer.

A team at its school of biosciences discovered the process in which a key vitamin – B12 – is made in cells.

It is an essential nutrient that plays an important role in the formation of red blood cells and the maintenance of the nervous system. Deficiencies of B12 can lead to anaemia, cardiovascular disorders and dementia.

Scientists, led by Professor Martin Warren, have devised a method which allows them to study the individual steps taken to create B12.

They were also able to change the form of the vitamin.

Prof Warren said: "Our work will assist in the generation of better ways of making more of this vitamin available and is also permitting us to make new compounds that will literally allow us to throw a spanner in the works of diseases such as cancer."

As part of their research, the Kent team worked with new biotechnology company Cangenix and researchers at Queen Mary, University of London.

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ELECTION

PCC candidate branded 'curiously lightweight' over YouTube video

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CONTENDERS in the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner race say a high profile rival has hit a bum note after she released a campaign video on YouTube featuring a parody of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mayor-General song.

They said the clip, uploaded by the team behind independent candidate Ann Barnes, was "curiously lightweight".

In the song, the original words are replaced with lyrics explaining her manifesto and why the public should vote for her in the November election.

But her rivals have accused her of not taking the election seriously enough.

Independent candidate Dai Liyanage, former Lib Dem Mayor of Medway, said: "We all like a laugh but the post of PCC is too serious to be the target of a joke, even one that falls flat.

"Gilbert and Sullivan were mildly subversive comedians a time long gone. If this is the message Ann Barnes thinks will impress the voters, then what does it say about her judgement?"

Tory candidate and Medway councillor Craig Mackinlay called it a "curiously lightweight approach to what is a serious election".

But Mrs Barnes, former chair of the Kent Police Authority, accused her rivals of having "no sense of humour".

"The song was a present from friends who thought it would cheer me up while I was in the middle of my campaign," she said. "We thought it was great so I put it on my website. The lyrics talk about my manifesto.

"I'm taking this whole thing very seriously – I may not take myself too seriously, but this election is something I'm working very hard on and taking extremely seriously.

"These are destructive comments they're making. They have no sense of humour.

"The problem here is these candidates are so steeped in politics they are using the old, tired ping-pong adversarial politics and I'm not playing their game. If that's the only thing they have to say then how sad is that?"

The film takes on the Gilbert and Sullivan song I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General and replaces the title lyrics with "she is the very model of a very Kentish police commissioner".

The PCC election is being held on Thursday, November 15. Everybody eligible to vote can do so and the person elected will replace the Kent Police Authority on November 22.

An official list of candidates will be announced this week.

The PCC will replace the Kent Police Authority, which currently holds the chief constable to account and decides the force's budget and policing priorities.

The successful candidate, who will be paid a salary of £85,000, will have the power to hire and fire the chief constable, set the police budget, write and publish a police and crime plan, and commission services.

The chief constable will remain responsible for operational matters but the PCC will decide how policing money is spent.

CANDIDATE: Ann Barnes has put the humorous video about her campaign manifesto on her website

■ To see the clip go to www.kentnews.co.uk and search 'Barnes'.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£1m unemployed push

MEDWAY Council has launched a project to inject £1 million into helping the long-term unemployed hold down jobs in the towns over the next three years.

The initiative is part of European project IMPRESS which assists those finding work to stay in employment.

The council's Jane Chitty said: "What's crucial is it means we are helping people find jobs that they can develop in as professionals."

Gills top of cost table

GILLINGHAM has been named the most expensive in League Two in a BBC survey of match-day ticket prices.

The table-toppers' cheapest ticket was £21 and the most expensive £26, according to the BBC Sport Price of Football survey - higher than some Premier League clubs.

In response, the club said it was "confident that the quality of football on show this season is good value for our admission prices".

Woman in fraud case

A 50-year-old woman from Sheerness has been charged following an investigation into fraud offences.

Dawn Simon from Iwade was charged with two counts of conspiracy to convert criminal property, one count of conspiracy to possess criminal property and two counts of benefit fraud. She, and a man from Tottenham, will appear in court next month.

SPORT

Boy was not hurt, insist officials as 'Bootgate' row erupts on internet

BRITISH Superbikes chiefs have moved to calm an online campaign to track down a race fan seen grabbing a pair of boots thrown into the crowd at Brands Hatch by Sheppey race ace Shane 'Shakey' Byrne.

Across Twitter and Facebook, images were circulated of a surge in the crowd to grab the shoes hurled from the winner's podium by the cyclist, just moments after he sealed the title for a third time. It has been dubbed 'Bootgate'.

As the man emerged with the boots, a small boy was seen crying, prompting fears he had wrestled them from the youngster. Neither have been identified.

TV footage proved inconclusive, however, and British Superbike officials on Thursday moved to calm the situation and stressed stewards had spoken to the young boy at the time and he had not reported any wrong-doing.

Meanwhile, newly crowned champion Mr Byrne confirmed if the boy came forward he would be keen to give him a tour of the circuit.

In a statement from race organisers at British Superbikes, it said: "Broadcast coverage doesn't show any assault – what it does show is the guy with a white top with it in his hand and in the background the child visibly hurt and upset.



WINNER: Shane Byrne threw his boots into the crowd during his celebrations

"Another possibility is the child was pushed or fell onto a bicycle that was propped against the pit wall during the general bundle for the boot."

Brands Hatch says the clip is "inconclusive".

Shane Byrne said: "If we were talking about two adults, then we wouldn't be having this conversation because there will always be a squabble, but the fact it is a child is something else. It's not a bounty hunt or anything; it's about giving a positive experience to the kid."

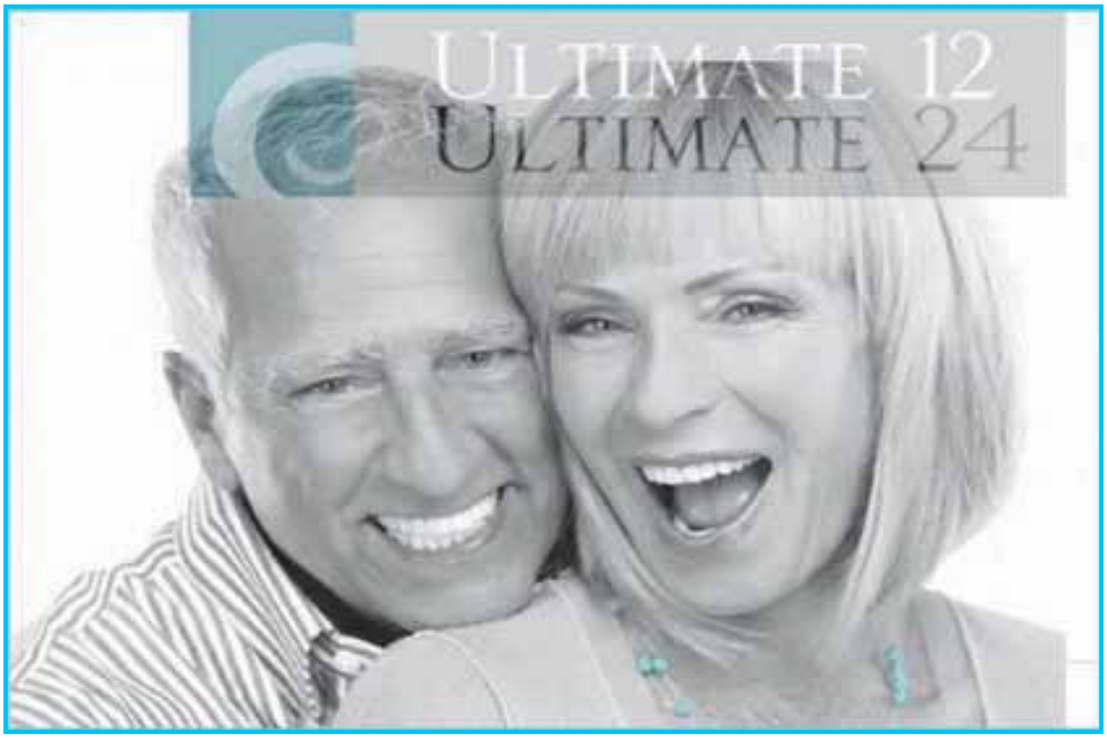
He added he hadn't seen anything untoward after throwing the boots and was only made aware of the saga on social networking sites.

British Superbikes say they are keen to speak to both people involved in the incident.



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ATTRACTION

Chilly reception for festive attraction in row over controversial costumes

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A CHRISTMAS tourist attraction has this week defended claims that its use of indigenous dress is "racist" – and vowed to phase it out.

LaplandUK, based at Bewl Water, aims to create a festive wonderland for families in the build up to Christmas and is now in its fifth year.

As part of its popular winter extravaganza, it sets out to educate visitors on the indigenous Sámi people by dressing in their clothes and displaying artifacts.

But members of the Sámi community say the way their culture has been used is offensive and launched an online campaign.

The Sámi live in Sápmi which covers parts of Sweden, Norway, Finland and the Kola Peninsula of Russia – areas that are often referred to as Lapland.

This week, outraged members of the Sámi community took to LaplandUK's Facebook page to express their anger at what they describe as "racist" behaviour.

They say the outfits used at the attraction are nothing to do with Sámi communities and that the stereotypes of Sámi people herding reindeer and the association with Father Christmas is offensive.

Sámi Neeta Inari, 27, from Finland, said: "They are picking the easiest stereotype. Most Sámi look nothing like that. They are not telling the story of Sámi people, they are telling the story of something fictional. It's a very small part of our heritage."

Ms Inari said stereotyping Sámi people is not just a problem at LaplandUK and that a mixture of myths and advertisements have created an image of the Sámi.

She added that companies use the Sámi culture as a "product" in a bid to make profits.

Another Sámi online said: "There are so many things wrong, offensive and misleading in the way you [LaplandUK] present the Sámi people and the Sámi culture. As a Sámi woman, it is nothing short of embarrassing and shameful."

LaplandUK responded online by saying it never wanted to misrepresent the Sámi people and simply wants to share their story.

It has also said it will begin to "phase out" use of the Sámi dress which will be completed by the end of the year, a move welcomed by Ms Inari and online posters.

LaplandUK director Alison Battle said she was upset by the use of the word racist and, as a former teacher, has spent time researching and learning the history of the Sámi.



COSTUME: To minimise offence LaplandUK have said they will phase out the use of Sámi dress

Mrs Battle added that the company purchased the clothes in Finland and the artifacts have been borrowed by the Jokkmokk museum in Sweden.

She said: "We appreciate the Sámi culture and wish to positively promote it and educate people."

Lennart Pittja from VisitSápmi said: "VisitSápmi works to develop sustainable and respectful Sámi tourism based on Sámi values. I have very little knowledge of LaplandUK and their operations but from what I've seen online, this is a classic example of how they use Sámi culture in a disrespectful way.

"If LaplandUK were serious about spreading knowledge about Sámi culture they would involve Sámi people in the process and make sure their efforts are made in true co-operation with Sámi people."

Mrs Battle said she would love to work with Sámi people at the attraction and was happy to speak with the community further.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drunk driver banned

A DRUNK driver has been banned from driving for two years after being found to be almost three times over the legal limit following an incident in Sittingbourne.

Victoria Rose Beney, 24, of Church Road, Murston, pleaded guilty after being tested in Castle Road in September. She had 95 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35mg. In addition to the ban she must carry out 80 hours of unpaid work.

Principal backs UTC

ACTING principal of MidKent College, Sue McLeod, has given a ringing endorsement for plans for a University Technical College in Medway.

As one of the lead sponsors of the bid to secure a UTC, it's keen to help restore the towns reputation as a hotbed of engineering and construction talent. She said: "It would provide a wealth of opportunities for young people who might otherwise drop out of education."

Frankie at the Forum

SITTINGBOURNE's Forum shopping centre will be staging a special Halloween event this month.

Between 11am and 4pm on the day itself, Frankie Halloween and his coffin will be creeping around the town centre complex with his comedy act, giving shoppers the chance to have their picture taken with him.

Halloween is on October 31.

BUSINESS

New man at the helm of Archant KOS Media

THE company behind Kent on Sunday and Kent Life magazine has a new publisher.

Simon Irwin (pictured) will lead the Archant KOS Media team in Kent.

Mr Irwin was group editor of Archant Life's county magazine titles in the South East before he started his new role on Wednesday.



He has a long association with Kent. He is a former editor of the Kent Messenger and was a director of the KM Group.

He said: "This is a challenging and exciting time for all media businesses. I am really looking forward to meeting our readers and customers.

"I have an excellent team here and I feel that we are ideally placed to offer the most compelling and useful all-Kent content to our readers and the best and most cost-effective service to our advertisers."

Archant Lifestyle Regional managing director, Tim Thurston, said: "Simon's brief is to grow both Kent on Sunday and Kent Life to even greater heights. We feel the combination of the county's two premier brands will be a powerful tool for our existing and new customers."

CRIME

Chip shop owner must pay up or eat porridge

A FISH and chip shop owner who was caught dodging tax has been given two weeks to pay £200,000 back – or spend three years behind bars.

Russell Fox, 46, of Maidstone, was caught out by HM Revenue and Customs investigators who found he had been lying about the income of his business, the Little Fish Shop in Sandgate, for six years. They discovered he had routinely provided his accountant with rewritten weekly takings sheets that were lower than those provided by his manager.

Till rolls were also missing, and cash deducted from the true takings spreadsheets ranged from £365 to £5,250 per week. Investigators found that between 2005 and 2011, Fox failed to pay income tax of over £91,000 and national insurance contributions of more than £15,000.

He also swindled his VAT returns, resulting in an underpayment of almost £68,500.

Canterbury Crown Court ordered Fox to pay the £200,000 confiscation order after he failed to pay £175,000 in tax and national insurance.

HMRC said the order included an amount to reflect the value of the fraud at today's prices.

In addition, he was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended for two years. He must also complete 250 hours community service and adhere to a three-month curfew.



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INSPIRATIONAL: Maidstone Museum and Bentlif Art Gallery will be the first to host a nationwide tour of the exhibition Matisse Drawing with Scissors which showcases the world-famous artist's later works

EXHIBITION

Museum first stop for iconic Matisse work

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CROWDS are set to flock for a touring exhibition of the work of world-famous artist Henri Matisse as it arrives in Maidstone.

The exhibition, Matisse Drawing with Scissors, will be on show at the Maidstone Museum and Bentlif Art Gallery from October 20 to November 18. It is the first stop on a nationwide jaunt organised by the Hayward Gallery on London's Southbank.

Drawing with Scissors features the artist's late works from 1950-1954, with 35 original lithographic prints of the famous cut-outs produced in the last four years of his life when Matisse was confined to his bed.

The prints include many of his iconic images, such as The Snail and the Blue Nudes.

Matisse, who was born in 1869, began his working life as a lawyer, before going to Paris to study art in 1890.

He soon created his own style and in 1905 he and his colleagues were branded the Fauves (wild beasts) because of their unconventional use of colour. It was during this time that Matisse painted his famous Luxe, Calme et Volupté (Luxury, Tranquillity and Delight).

The lithographic reproductions in the exhibition to be shown at Maidstone are taken from an issue of Verve, a review of art and literature, published in 1958.

A Maidstone Council spokeswoman said: "We are thrilled to have the Matisse print exhibition in Maidstone.

"Matisse was one of the 20th century's most important artists and we've all seen examples of his work whether we realise it or not in TV and media advertising.

"His work still has a freshness about it and the Drawing with Scissors exhibition features examples of his output from the very end of his life.

"We are expecting the exhibition to attract large numbers of art lovers and other visitors curious about all the fuss."

A six-foot bronze sculpture created by the artist recently sold for £30.2 million at auction, while the oil painting The Cowslips, Blue and Rose Fabric, sold for £28.4m in 2009.

Maidstone Museum is offering visitors the chance to have a go at making their own Matisse inspired picture on October 27 at a free Big Draw event run in conjunction with the University for Creative Arts.

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PROPERTY

Report focuses on the positives amid the doom and gloom of the economy

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THE impact of the economic slump has been felt hard by the county, according to a major new report, but reveals it remains above the national average in the value of both residential and commercial property.

The 21st annual Kent Property Market Report – which reviews the county's commercial, retail, tourism, rural and residential property markets, and its regeneration programmes – does show some optimism, but confirms growth is slow.

But plans to boost economic growth and create jobs, as well as the recent upgrading of transport links to London, are a boost to economic prospects, say analysts.

The average value of properties on the residential market are 0.2 per cent ahead of last year, according to figures from the Land Registry – but this is driven partially by demand for large homes in prosperous parts of the west of the county.

Elsewhere, compared to the rest of the UK, Kent's performance is favourable – albeit in a very subdued financial climate.

Retail warehousing is showing a rental growth of 1.2 per cent, following its above average growth of one per cent in 2010, while rents were still falling at a regional level.



POSITIVE: High speed trains enhance the county's accessibility to capital

The Kent industrial market saw its pace of rental decline slowed to 0.6 per cent from 0.9 – again better than elsewhere in the UK.

Retail has suffered from the economic downturn and is currently fighting against internet consumer trading – but the rate of rental falls has slowed, falling by 1.8 per cent in 2011, compared to a fall of 6.5 per cent in 2010.

Initiatives are in place to promote growth, such as the purchase of the former Pfizer site in Sandwich by Discovery Park Limited, while businesses with growth ambitions in the east of the county, including Canterbury, Thanet, Dover and Shepway, can apply for zero per cent loans from the £35 million Regional Growth Fund.

But as the report was unveiled at Kings Hill this week, delegates were quick to promote what they saw as positives.

Sue Foxley, head of research, at estate agents Cluttons, said: "There is no doubt the economic outlook in the UK is challenging and this is reflected in our report. However, there are emerging areas of growth in the South East economy and these are reflected in Kent's high growth business sectors. These present an attractive investment story for the county's property market looking forward."

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, added: "It is clear from our enquiries that the county is reaping the benefits of recent infrastructure and development investment including faster rail services from Ashford, north Kent, east Kent and London on High Speed One."

The Kent Property Market Report is an annual survey produced by Kent County Council, Cluttons LLP and Locate in Kent. For details see www.kentpropertymarket.co.uk.

CRIME

Airgun fired at cars on busy stretch of M25

MOTORISTS are being warned to be extra vigilant after reports of airgun pellets being fired at cars on the London-bound section of the M20 at its junction with the M26 this week.

So far at least one motorist has been injured when a pellet smashed a window and hit the driver's arm. Later the same day, two other cars were damaged.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

POLICE

Deputy controversy

INDEPENDENT Police and Crime Commissioner candidate Dai Liyanage has nominated his deputy in his race for office – an active local member of the Conservative Party.

John Dalley, 59, now faces the risk of being booted out of the party for backing the independent. The official Conservative candidate is Medway councillor Craig Mackinlay.

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CRIME

Firebug admits hospital arson and string of burglary charges

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AN arsonist who started fires at two Kent hospitals, forcing wards to be evacuated while he used the drama as a smoke screen to burgle the buildings, has admitted a string of crimes.

Thomas Ashcroft pleaded guilty to a number of counts of arson and burglary, and now awaits sentencing.

The serial fire-starter struck at sites across the UK this year, with his targets including Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and the Hilton Hotel in Sheffield.

Ashcroft, 34, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty at Canterbury Crown Court to six charges involving arson, burglary and attempted burglarly, and also asked for eight other offences to be taken into consideration – including one in Ramsgate.

Det Insp Lee Whitehead said: "Ashcroft's offending was widespread, spanning several counties. His motivation for fire setting appears to have been to cause sufficient distraction to commit burglaries.

"His actions led to several hospitals being evacuated, putting vulnerable patients at risk. Thankfully, no-one was injured in these incidents."



ARSON: Kent and Canterbury Hospital after Thomas Ashcroft started a fire on the site

The charges are: Arson with intent to endanger life, and burglary, at Kent and Canterbury Hospital on August 30; arson with intent to endanger life, and burglary, in relation at the Hilton Hotel in Sheffield on July 15; and arson with intent to endanger life, and attempted burglary, at Medway Maritime Hospital on August 29.

The eight other offences relate to a mix of arson and burglary charges across the country. They took place at Rotherham District General Hospital on July 14; Manchester Midland Hotel on July 21; The Royal Albion Hotel and Sea Life Centre, both in Brighton, on August 26; The Dome Theatre, Brighton and The Hilton Hotel, South Terminal Gatwick Airport on August 27; Crawley Hospital on August 28; and The Cafe, Boating Pool, Ramsgate promenade on August 31.

He will be sentenced on December 7.

SENTENCING

Life in jail for rapist

A SHEERNESS man has been jailed for life after he raped and abused eight victims over four decades.

James David Mitchell, 56, formerly of Invicta Road, was sentenced this week after he was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court in June, following a nine-week trial.

He was sentenced to life and will serve 28 years. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served 14 years.

Mitchell denied all 35 charges but was found guilty of 26 offences. These included three charges of rape, eight of indecent assault, one of gross indecency, three of sexual activity with a child, and 11 other serious sexual offences.

Police launched an investigation in December 2010, when the first allegations were made. Following the investigation by the Kent Police Public Protection Unit, Mitchell was charged, and further allegations were reported for which he was charged in January and February.



LOCKED UP: James Mitchell

Detective Sergeant Jerry Clarke from the unit said: "James Mitchell is going to be spending a long time in prison and I hope his victims are comforted and reassured by this sentence.

"I'm also very proud of Detective Constable Hooper for the quality of her investigation. Cases like this are emotionally challenging for all concerned, and this includes the police officers whose meticulous investigation has ensured Mitchell was put before the court.

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News

CAMPAIGN

Estuary airport pollution 'would kill fewer people'

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TOWN hall chiefs fighting plans for a Thames estuary airport have slammed a new report which claims there would be fewer deaths caused by pollution if a hub was built in north Kent instead of expansion at Heathrow.

The study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cambridge University suggested the number of early deaths caused by pollution would rise significantly if a third runway was built at the London airport.

The authors claimed, however, that fewer people would be affected by pollution if an airport was instead built in the Thames estuary.

Medway Council called the findings "insulting and thoughtless".

Lead author Steve Barrett, from MIT, said 110 people in the UK die early each year due to airport emissions, with Heathrow causing around 50 fatalities. He said that could rise to 150 by 2030 if a third runway was built. He stressed that early deaths would be reduced by more than 60 per cent if an estuary airport was built instead.

"In other words, airport capacity would be expanded and health impacts reduced under the Thames hub scenario," he said. "The hub would be downwind of London, such that much of the pollution would blow into the English Channel."

But Medway Council called the research "lame".

Deputy leader Cllr Alan Jarrett said: "If they had bothered to come to Kent they would have seen how a Thames estuary airport would be next to centres with large populations.

"You would also need to factor in that a new airport would carry twice as many passengers as Heathrow.

"We notice the London Mayor's office have already jumped on this report and used it to claim an estuary airport would bring 'clear environmental benefits'. This is a desperate attempt to use lame research to try to push forward Boris's pipe dream airport scheme."

Protesters battling against the plans said the report had little impact on their campaign.

Joan Darwell, from Friends of the North Kent Marshes, said: "We believe there's no need for expansion anywhere.

"There should be better use of existing airports."

No Estuary Airport

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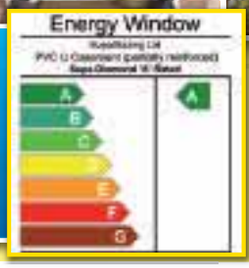
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ANIMAL WELFARE

Rock legend's one vision over badger cull

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QUEEN guitar legend Brian May has cast a kind of magic over MPs and MEPs in the county as he continues to fight the badger cull.

The musician and active animal rights campaigner has been lobbying support for his petition to overturn the Government's decision to push ahead to kill the creatures in a bid to deal with the increasing problems of tuberculosis in cattle. Badgers are blamed for spreading the disease.

Labour and Liberal Democrat MEPs from across the south east have added their support to the Stop the Cull campaign, whilst Medway MPs Tracey Crouch and Mark Reckless attended a presentation at the Houses of Parliament.

Dr May – he gained a doctorate in astronomy in 2007 – said: "We are all focused on the battle to eradicate bovine TB. What is absolutely clear from the available scientific evidence is that vaccination of cattle and badgers, along with bio-security and movement controls in the farming industry, is the only way to make meaningful progress.

"We believe this is where the Government and National Farmers' Union should be directing their attention, rather than on a scientifically flawed and ethically unjustifiable cull of badgers, which has been sold to the farmers as a solution, but in fact cannot even begin to solve their problems, and may well make matters worse."



CAMPAIGNER: Brian May meets with Labour MEPs to discuss the badger cull

The campaign has been backed by a number of Kent politicians, who say a cull is only a short-term solution to the problems that livestock farmers are facing.

Labour MEP for the south east, Peter Skinner, said: "I understand tuberculosis in cattle is a major animal health problem, and the desperation of farmers affected by this devastating disease.

"But the evidence shows a cull won't work and [former] Defra minister Jim Paice has admitted that vaccination is the long term answer to the disease.

"Not only is vaccination the most sustainable and humane solution, but vaccination has already been shown to significantly reduce the disease in the badger population."

Liberal Democrat MEP for the south east, Catherine Bearder, added: "I spend a lot of time urging developing countries to protect their wildlife. How can we think it is okay to cull our indigenous and protected animals?

"We must protect them and use science to support farmers."

However, the Government's decision to push on with a cull has been welcomed by the National Farmers' Union, which claims a cull is needed to ensure the future of farmers and livestock.

NFU president Peter Kendall said: "While no-one wants to cull badgers, this policy does have to include tackling TB in badgers because badger vaccination alone will not be enough; it will not cure a badger that already has TB.

"No other country in the world has ever got on top of TB without also tackling the disease in its wildlife carrier and breaking the cycle of re-infection.

"I will say again that no-one, not the NFU, nor the farmers involved, wants to kill badgers. But TB must be stopped from making its relentless march across our countryside.

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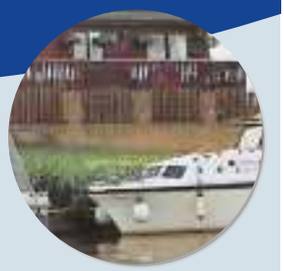






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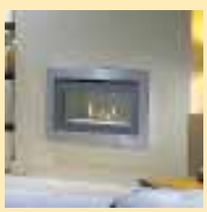
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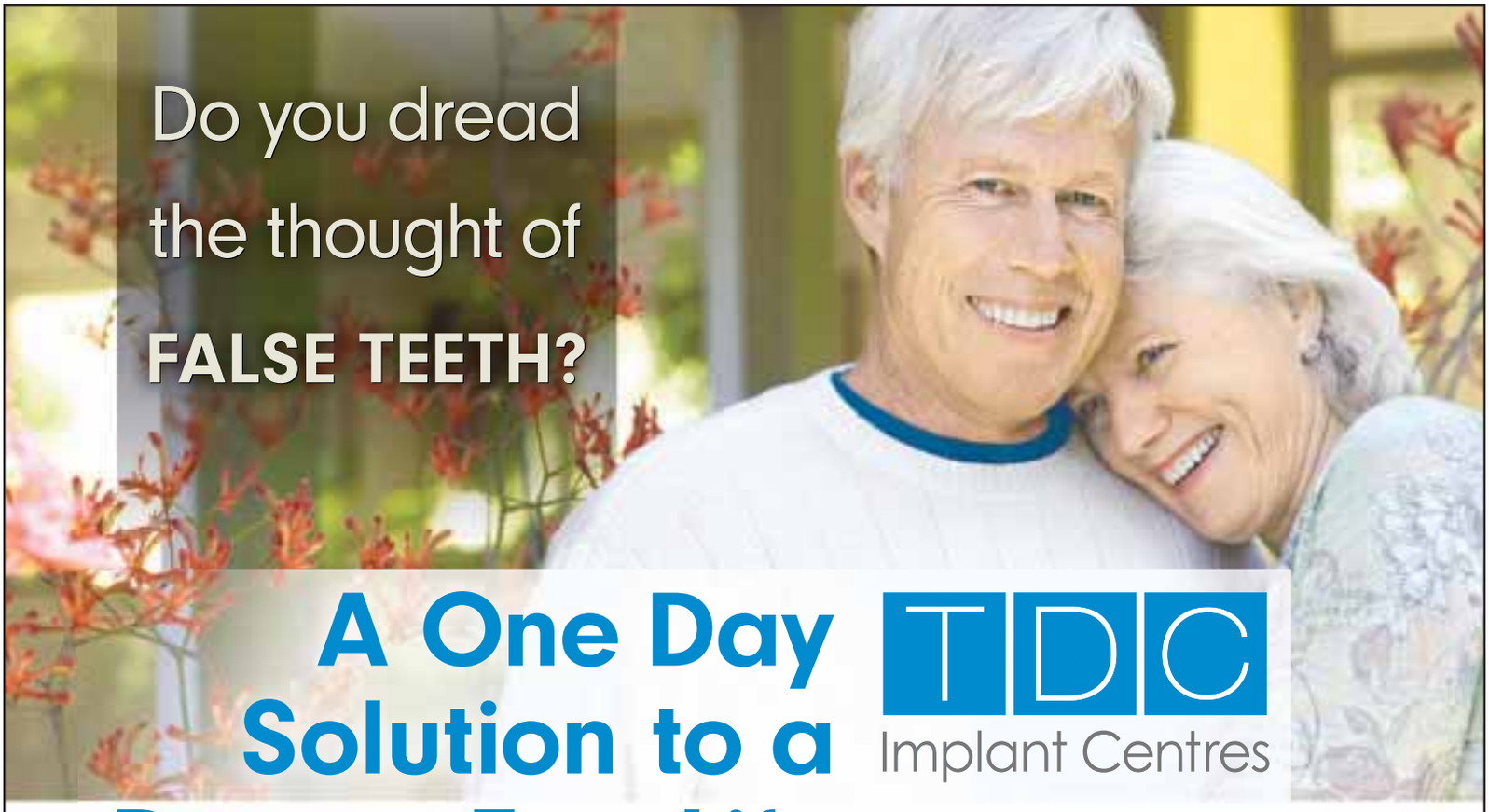
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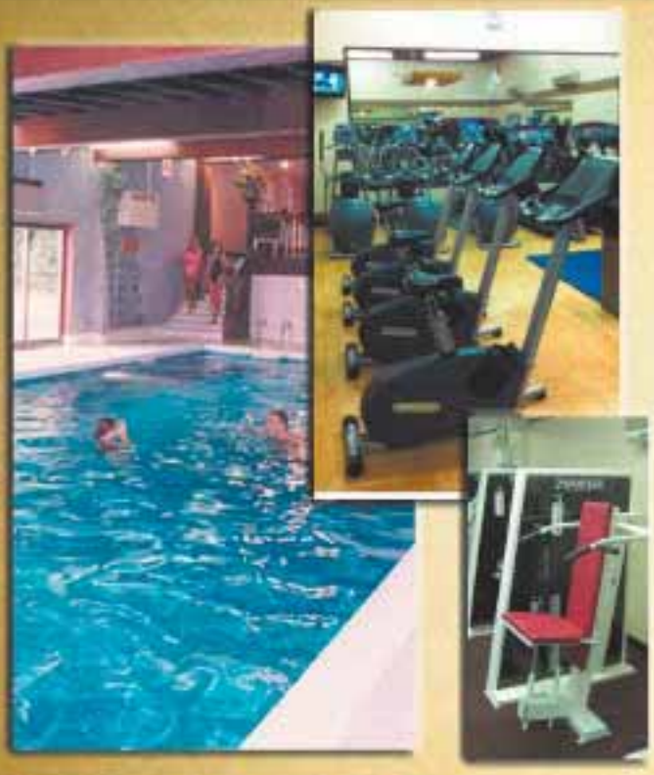
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WELFARE

Housing scheme is born to support teenage parents

By Marijke Cox
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TEENAGE parents are being given intensive support through a dedicated housing scheme which looks to stop children being taken into care.

Young mums and dads will be able to access housing in one of six new apartments in Maidstone with support services helping them to eventually move on to live independently.

Golding Homes and Kent County Council, which are delivering the scheme, say it is designed to reduce interventions by social services, as well as cutting the risk of domestic abuse and homelessness. It also looks to tackle the issue of young mothers having a second child.

Staff are on hand to offer guidance and support and there is a comprehensive resettlement and move-on service in place. Aimed at young people aged 16 to 21 who are pregnant or have dependent children, the scheme offers 17.5 hours of support a week and can run to as long as two years, depending on the parent's needs.

Golding Homes' head of support services, Rose Ellison, said it would offer an innovative and people-based service to a vulnerable group.

"We have been working with teenage parents in Maidstone since 2009, and understand the complexities of the issues they face," she said.

Teenage parents are given individual care packages. There is a training kitchen and IT suite as well as communal lounge, garden and play area.

RISE IN PREGNANCIES

OFFICIAL figures released this year showed teenage pregnancy rates in Kent were continuing to grow despite levels being at their lowest nationwide since 1969.

Kent showed a rise in the number of girls aged 15-17 falling pregnant in several districts. Dover, Gravesham, Shepway and Medway saw small increases and Maidstone and Thanet the highest rises with 23.4 per cent and 22.2 per cent respectively.

Health bosses stressed, however, that in most cases the high percentage increases amounted to just a handful of girls.

In Maidstone there were 87 teen conceptions in 2008/09 and 108 in 2009/10. Thanet had 128 in 2008/09 and 148 in 2009/10. Swale – which historically has battled high teenage pregnancy rates – bucked the Kent-wide trend with a 10.4 per cent drop.


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HEALTH

Hospital trust merger clears latest hurdle despite concerns

By Dean Kilpatrick
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A PROPOSED merger of two health trusts has been given the green light by an independent board – but it said the benefits the trusts claim could only be delivered by becoming one would "not constitute benefits to patients or taxpayers".

However, the report by the Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP) – an NHS-funded panel to ensure fair competition across all services – said the integration of the Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation would not have a negative impact on patient choice and, after a nine-month investigation, said it would recommend the plans.

The health trusts claimed merging would help slash an undisclosed sum from the backroom staff bill, but this was disputed by the panel. It also questioned claims that only by merger could certain equipment be purchased.

A spokesman for the panel said: "Naturally, parties in these situations often claim wide ranging benefits when they merge and equally naturally the panel takes a critical look.



JOINING: Medway Maritime Hospital is part of the merger

"Each claimed benefit is looked at individually in the report but overall the panel has decided either that they could happen without the merger or that the trusts have failed to provide enough evidence to back up their claims."

In a 94-page document, the CCP said a merger between the trusts, which run Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford and Medway Maritime in Gillingham, would provide "sufficient choice" for patients in north Kent, but did ask for additional measures to be applied to two specialist units. The board have sought assurances over the non-cancer urology and endocrine surgery departments which would see "a loss of patient choice", according to the panel. It also concluded that benefits put forward by the two merger parties "would not constitute benefits to patients or taxpayers or were not specific to the merger".

There remain further hurdles before the plans get the green light, but both trusts were pleased with the outcome of the report.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust medical director Dr Gray Smith-Laing said: "Patient choice is important to us and drives improvement in both quality of care and services. We have worked closely with the CCP and local commissioners to agree on a number of actions to support patient choice after integration."

Dartford and Gravesham planned to merge with Medway in the summer, but delayed a submission of a full business plan until the CCP announced its findings. If approved by the Department for Health and independent NHS foundation trust regulator Monitor, the trusts now hope to integrate in spring 2013.

Medical director of Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, Annette Schreiner, added: "We have welcomed the CCP's look at the impact of integration, as we will only proceed if it brings benefits to our patients and communities, as well as long-term sustainability for our hospitals.

"We are pleased they are recommending our plans for integration to be allowed to proceed."

Both health trusts first looked at merging in early 2011 to help cut costs, but have assured patients that provision will not be reduced, and both Darent Valley and Medway Maritime will continue to provide full accident and emergency, maternity, children's and outpatients services.

There has been some criticism after the chief executive of Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust confirmed if a merger went ahead, the trusts would cater for some south-east London patients.

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PETS

Overwhelmed cats charity forced to turn away animals

By Chris Murphy
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AN animal charity has been swamped with so many unwanted cats it has been forced to close its doors to any more moggies in need of a new home.

Cats Protection branches across Kent have now closed their waiting lists to take more felines in – just as Christmas approaches, typically the busiest time of year.

New figures show the organisation homed 1,042 cats in 2010, and 969 last year.

There are currently 152 cats in Kent branches waiting for suitable homes to be found.

To combat the flood of unwanted cats being offered, the group said people should think twice about taking on an animal in the first place.

Now Cats Protection's Kent branches have issued an emergency appeal for new owners to come forward to combat the dramatic rise in the number of homeless cats needing the charity's help.

Christine Harvey, regional development manager for the South East, said: "This surge in homeless cats is extremely distressing. It is a crisis for the cats and it piles additional pressure onto our volunteers.



HERE KITTY: Tigger needs a new owner

"The branches are already stretched to the limit looking after the cats in their care.

"I fear this could push them to breaking point if it continues and leave us unable to help many more unwanted cats out there so we are urgently asking for help."

It said the public can also help by having their present pets neutered to reduce the amount of stray and unwanted cats.

The group can even provide financial assistance for this to people on some benefits.

The Cats Protection charity, which was founded in 1927, annually helps more than 235,000 cats.

There are branches across the county in Bexley and Dartford; Bromley; Canterbury; Sidcup; Folkestone and Hythe; Maidstone; Sittingbourne; Swale; Tenterden; and Tunbridge Wells.

Anyone wishing to adopt a cat, make a donation, or who requires help with neutering costs, can find their local branch at www.cats.org.uk or contact the helpline on 03000 121212.

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New housing scheme reveals ancient secrets

By Chris Murphy
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CIRCLE TIME: Evidence of an Iron Age monument has been found

ONE of Kent's oldest settlements is about to become one of the county's newest.

But archaeologists are determined to glean as much information and knowledge about Cheeseman's Green before it is turned into a housing estate.

Duncan Hawkins from consultant CgMs and he says it is of vital importance more work is done before the diggers move in.

He said there is a fascinating picture emerging about the way Ashford's agricultural landscape looked from the late Bronze Age through to the early years of Roman occupation.

Already, interesting and unusual finds have been unearthed in the excavations at Cheeseman's Green.

This is a site given planning permission by Ashford Borough Council for up to 1,180 new homes, and the first phase has already started, giving the 'time team' a new impetus.

Thankfully, the developer, Crest Strategic Projects, is known for its supportive and positive approach to archaeology, and it commissioned the large-scale archaeological investigations at Cheeseman's Green.

CgMs is working with Kent County Council heritage experts and Wessex Archaeology to unearth the past.

It has already revealed human activity on the site stretching back 12,000 years, including the flint tools of ancient hunter gatherer communities, and Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age activity sites, settlements and farmsteads.

Mr Hawkins said: "The earliest human activity represented on the site was evidence for Mesolithic hunter gatherers. A large number of flint tools, including knives and axes, were recovered.

"Subsequently the site was settled by Neolithic farmers and there appears to have been a long continuity of agricultural settlement and land division extending from the Neolithic, through the Bronze and Iron ages until the early Roman period.

"The importance of the site is that its scale has allowed the examination of a significant area, and taken in conjunction with previous investigations at Park Farm, Waterbrook Park and the Orbital Park, has allowed archaeologists to determine that settlement density in what is now south Ashford in the late Iron Age and early Roman period was similar to that evidenced in the late post-medieval period in the 17th and 18th century, with a similar density of farms and settlements.

"The new Roman fields were laid out on a grid relating to a new road system, one of which flanks the southern boundary of the site.

"Subsequently, the Roman field systems were abandoned, probably due to climate change in the late Roman period, and the subsequent medieval and post-medieval settlement pattern up to the early 19th century was strikingly similar to that represented in the late prehistoric periods."

Cllr Gerry Clarkson, deputy leader of Ashford council, said: "These important archaeological investigations provide us with a link to Ashford's past that will be of interest not only to the community but have a broader, regional importance.

"It is fascinating to learn about the discoveries and I hope these will be of real interest to everyone interested in the history of the borough as well as adding to the national store of knowledge."

Mr Hawkins said the entire development site will eventually be examined and the findings published.

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OPINION

Skills base is under threat

While he welcomes the prospect of tens of thousands of new jobs, **Roger Vickerman** warns they are not the solution to our problems

THE announcement of the possible development of a leisure theme park in north Kent that will create – it is claimed – up to 27,000 jobs is a major boost to the local economy.

The Kent economy, and particularly that of west and north Kent, has generally been highly dependent on the London economy for growth, although it has tended to lag behind the more dynamic aspects.

Thus the implementation of a major new job generator designed to bring in visitors from across north-west Europe not only creates jobs but makes the areas less dependent on the fortunes of the neighbouring metropolis.

To the extent that the new development on the Swanscombe peninsular can be linked with Ebbsfleet International station it could have knock-on effects which will benefit other businesses in Kent by generating new rail traffic, particularly for Eurostar, which would enable it to improve the frequency of services which stop in Kent.

In addition, this could be the catalyst for the development of a new Thames crossing to relieve the Dartford Crossing. And it is all on a brownfield site, aiding regeneration of redundant industrial land. So this is all a welcome and positive development.

But before we get too carried away, we have to also be aware of some of the less positive aspects.

The Kent economy has seen a significant loss of jobs in manufacturing industry in recent years and Kent has one of the lowest densities of jobs in the high technology sectors in the greater South East.

These are the jobs which generate the value-added and the self-sustaining growth which the local economy needs if it is to be less dependent on the fortunes of other regions.

Kent has lost significant numbers of these jobs, the most recent being due to the closure of the Pfizer research facility in Sandwich.

While successful attempts are being made to replace some of the jobs it will be difficult to generate similar jobs in sufficient numbers, and the workers in such jobs are typically highly mobile so their spending power and the skills base will often move away with them.

And that introduces another problem area in the Kent labour market: the lack of a skills base to compete with other neighbouring regions to attract the right sort of new investment and jobs.

While there will be skilled jobs in the new park, they will be a small proportion of the total job creation, many are likely to be less skilled and relatively low-wage jobs.

We cannot object to job creation when there are many unemployed, and the jobs are likely to appeal to the young unemployed who are a particular concern, but then it becomes an unfortunate circle.



If skill acquisition is not necessary to find a job then there is less incentive to learn

If skill acquisition is not necessary to find a job then there is less incentive to acquire such skills and the skills base remains low, possibly too low to attract high quality, high value added jobs.

The lesson here is not to object to the new park, it will bring much-needed jobs into the country and direct expenditure by visitors, but to recognise that it is not a solution in itself. It will require continuing efforts to develop the appropriate skills to attract this high value activity into Kent which is what is really needed to transform the local economy.

■ **Roger Vickerman is professor of European Economics at the University of Kent**

KOS COMMENT

Don't forget the strain felt by our youngsters

JUST as parents recover from the stress of the Kent and Medway Test results, the pressure is back on to make sure they secure a grammar place for their child.

And with hundreds set to miss out, there could be a traumatic time for some next March when school placements are announced.

For although many of those who miss out on a selective place will be from out of county, there will be some Kent children whose dreams of going to their local grammar school are crushed, as a mixture of over-subscription and super-selectives dampen their chances.

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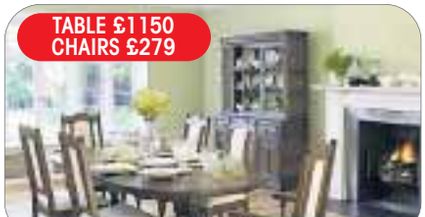
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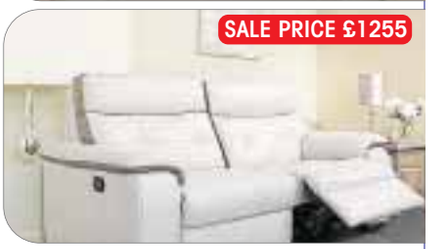
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Equality idea is damaging

AT a meeting in Birmingham Town Hall, on Monday, October 8, the Coalition for Marriage was finally able to present the well-supported view that the proposal from government for Civil Marriage Equality is damaging rather than healing our society and community.

For many this illustrates the yawning chasm between the "trendy" metropolitan worlds of Mr Cameron, Mr Clegg, and Mr Miliband, and the traditional values of many of their voters.

A recent survey of Tory constituency chairmen found that 71 per cent think the proposal – which the Prime Minister has pledged will be law by 2015 – should be abandoned.

Nearly half claim their local parties have lost members as a result of the plans.

Just 11 per cent say same-sex marriage should be a political priority right now, at a time when Whitehall spending is facing deep cuts and ministers are driving forward key reforms in education, health and welfare.

This view seems very well reflected locally, where quiet but clear support is being shown to those of us willing to defend the institution of marriage, unless and until it is properly safeguarded through this proposed change.

Cllr Chris Wells, Broadstairs
KCC Member for Margate and Cliftonville

Airport will be a jobs boost

PLEASE can we have a pro-estuary airport voice – doesn't anybody who is unemployed around here want a job?

We need things like the airport, the theme park, etc, to get the economy around here going, don't we?

Lin Martin, Medway

Boris is just point scoring

I think an estuary airport is most definitely surplus to requirements.

The 'urgent review' of airport capacity is more about London Mayor Boris scoring points with his voters. Fortunately, he has jurisdiction neither in Kent nor Parliament but is charismatic and persuasive. God forbid he should successfully challenge David Cameron as Tory Leader – he wouldn't be able to resist making this airport reality.

The funding is foreign so no worries there – though infrastructure upgrades would cost the taxpayer to the tune of £30 billion.

Isn't it about time we had a louder voice as to how our hard-earned taxes are spent? Speak up, or see this sleeping giant move closer to reality.

The review should involve an appraisal of how the UK could better use its regional airports. How about diverting all internal and tourist flights to regional airports?

Connect Gatwick and Heathrow – expand them if necessary – so that Heathrow/Gatwick remains the international competitive hub for commercial and business flights. Without being nimby-ist I think we should continue developing what is already there.

While they're at it, develop Kent's Manston airport and surely there would be enough airports to satisfy national demand? Not forgetting, of course, flying is probably destined to become the pastime of richer folk and businessmen and women given the upward-spiralling of fuel prices.

Felicia Foster Whitstable

Experience is key for PCC

REGARDING the 'party political' comments made to your reporter by the new Conservative justice secretary Chris Grayling, when he said that he does not think a Tory Police and Crime Commissioner would follow the party line.

Who does he think he's kidding when his party is responsible for hundreds of trained and experienced police officers in Kent being made redundant?

This government has deemed that this election is necessary. Therefore, is it not best that we consider the qualifications of each candidate with great care?

Ukip's Cllr Wauchope, 55, is a criminal barrister with 27 years' experience.

He has worked in fighting crime with police officers from more than 12 different forces – therefore, I consider him to be the best qualified candidate named so far.

Yes, he is from Ukip and I have studied their policies and consider them to be of sound, practical common sense. I will be voting for him.

June Moore, Rusthall

Give us back our tax cash

PRESSURE is growing on the UK Coalition government for action to make the banks pay for the mess they have created. Again, we see, from the Conservative conference, the misinformation applied to our current financial situation.

It is not entirely the Labour Party's problem that we find ourselves in the current financial mess – this is a total lie perpetuated by the Tory Party. In actual fact, we had very right-wing governments throughout the world in power in many western countries during the 'credit-crunch' – 2008 and the build-up to, so I really think the Coalition should stop misinforming us about this.

Particularly in France, and in the US we in fact had very right-wing governments in control, and still the same situations exist in these countries, to a larger or lesser extent.

Again, I say to you, we have had a situation where the banks have been bailed-out to several trillion pounds with our (taxpayers') money, and it is now far beyond the point at which these banks now have to start paying back the UK taxpayer for these bail-outs with very real, and realistic returns to the public purse. This is now far overdue with regard to the payback, and anything less is unacceptable.

So, I ask you yet again, when is the taxpayer going to get their £2.5 trillion back? And it really is no good saying that this was entirely down to the last Labour government, as I didn't hear a single word from David Cameron in official opposition, as to any alternative to the bank bail-out.

It is absolutely clear, in my mind that the Tory Party neither opposed the bank bail-out, or indeed opposed the total deregulation of the banking system prior to the credit crunch in 2008.

Michael Wright, Broadstairs

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Will power solution to previous relationship

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



Q IN 1986 I married a woman who had a daughter by a previous relationship, and I adopted her. We had no children, and in 1991 we divorced.

I have not seen my ex-wife or her daughter for about 20 years. I remarried in 1999, and now have two children. My question is, could the adopted daughter have any claim against my estate on my death? Would making a will make any difference?

At present, I have no will as I am happy for everything to go to my wife and two children.

A YOU should make a will. If you die intestate, then all your children have the right to share in your estate, and that includes any adopted child.

Making a will that excludes the adopted daughter strengthens your case, but it is not a complete guarantee. She could claim against your estate, saying that leaving her out of your will is likely to cause hardship.

Unless there is something you have not mentioned, I think it is likely a court would reject any such claim.

Your adopted daughter is now an adult. You have not said that you have paid maintenance for her, so I assume you did not or that it ended years ago.

But see a solicitor to make sure your will is perfectly clear, and that only your two recent children are beneficiaries.

Q CAN you tell me what happened to the phone company O2? Are shares still worth anything?

A THE Spanish company Telefonica made a takeover bid for O2 several years ago. If you have O2 shares, you are owed £2 for each share. The money is sitting in the bank, waiting for you to claim it. Call Lloyds TSB on 0870 850 6907.

Q CAN I sue the directors of a limited company that has ceased trading, owing me a refund for faulty goods? The sum involved is £450.

A EXCEPT in unusual circumstances, generally involving some sort of corruption or deceit, directors cannot be sued for the debts of their company. This is what the word 'limited' means. The liability of the people behind the company is limited to the amount they agreed to invest in the first place, which is typically just £1.

Q I AM 63 and have worked for myself for 30 years or more. I have saved about £150,000 in a private pension plan for my retirement.

If I draw this at 65, what sort of pension would I get? I am single with no dependants.

A ANNUITY rates change regularly, but based on current figures Aviva would pay you a level pension – with no increases – of about £8,900 a year. It could be more if you have health problems or are a smoker. For the best deal, see a local broker as you approach 65.

Q I WAS contacted by Advanced Global Trading, about investing in carbon credits. I like the idea of investing in something ethical, but I have been told to expect profits of 20pc upwards, which sounds a bit too high to be safe.

A BE VERY careful. Advanced Global Trading Ltd was dissolved last February, according to Companies House. If it is still trading, then it shouldn't be, so perhaps someone has hijacked the name. AGT did sell carbon credits as an investment – but again, be careful.

The police and the watchdog Financial Services Authority have issued warnings. This is a new investment area and there are no rules to protect you. Brokers need no licence and there is no proper market for credits so you could find it impossible to turn them back into cash. If you like ethical investments, consider First State Asia Pacific Sustainability Fund (020 7332 6500). This has shown 81pc growth over the past five years. Or try the Royal London Ethical Bond (020 7506 6500), which has shown 9pc growth in the past year.

Q I HAVE received just over £2,000 from the will of a relative. Will this affect my working tax credits, and do I have to declare it?

A WORKING tax credits are based on your income, and an inheritance does not count as income. You do not need to declare the £2,000 itself, but if you invest it, then any income it yields could affect your future credit claims.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Growing stronger after nightmare of '87 crash

It was a grim day for the market, but Black Monday also taught us some vital lessons. **ADAM AIKEN** reports

THIS week marks the 25th anniversary of Black Monday – the huge crash that wiped tens of billions of pounds off global stock markets.

A quarter of a century on, many traders and investors still remember the sheer terror that gripped the market on October 19, 1987, as shares plummeted and people scrambled to sell their holdings before they lost even more of their value.

We have become all-too-well accustomed to stock market wobbles over the past few years – the crisis of 2008 was particularly pronounced – but Black Monday will remain a nightmare for many people for years to come.

By the end of October, 1987, the stock market in the UK had fallen by 26pc and the US's by 23pc.

These falls were beaten elsewhere, however, and New Zealand was hit particularly badly, with its stock market down by about 60pc from its 1987 peak.

So-called 'program trading' was widely blamed for the events of 1987.

This involves computers reacting to market movements by automatically selling or buying – but the outcome of computers taking this kind of action can result in a snowball effect that just makes matters worse.

As computers reacted to the falls in share prices, they triggered sell-offs that led to the market falling further and faster, and it all became something of a self-fulfilling prophecy.

But while the crash itself caused panic, and there were undoubtedly people who lost a lot of money on that fateful day, there are a number of lessons that can be learnt – and some of them highlight how a stock market crash can be as much an opportunity as it can be a disaster.



KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

The FTSE 100 ended 1987 higher than it started, and within two years it had surpassed its pre-crash peak.

People who panicked at the time had probably already missed the best moment to sell, and by leaving the market they were preventing themselves from benefiting from the subsequent recovery.

LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE

Tom Stevenson, investment director at Fidelity Worldwide Investment, said: "Look through the market gyrations to what is happening in the real world.

"The 1987 crash was triggered by over-exuberance (the market had risen by nearly 40pc in the first nine months of 1987) and was then compounded by automated computer trading. The underlying economy was sound at the time – hence the quick recovery."

TAKE A LONG-TERM VIEW

"The 1987 crash looks insignificant on a long-term chart today even though, at the time, it might have felt like the end of the world," Mr Stevenson said.

DON'T TRY TO TIME THE MARKET

When your emotions are running high, you risk making the wrong investment decisions because we are inherently geared to run from danger. However, the best investors do the reverse and walk towards danger – "albeit with their eyes wide open", said Mr Stevenson.

BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST

It is important to diversify rather than putting all your eggs in one basket. This will mitigate your losses should one particular company, sector or region suffer more than others.

INVEST REGULARLY, A LITTLE AT A TIME

Mr Stevenson said: "This way, you will take advantage of market falls such as the 1987 crash, picking up a few shares or units in a fund when they are cheap – even though your mind is telling you to put your money under the mattress."

KEEP SOME OF YOUR POWDER DRY

Although 1987 was an extreme example, crashes do happen and are part of the ebbs and flows of the stock market.

When they do happen, you want to have some ammunition ready to take advantage.

"It may be frustrating to have even a small proportion of your savings earning next to nothing in cash when shares are rising, but so too is being unable to capitalise on bargain-basement prices when periodically they appear," said Mr Stevenson.

BUY LOW AND SELL HIGH

The stock market is the only market in the world in which people are often tempted to buy when prices are high and can be put off by low prices.

But Mr Stevenson said: "Think about how you would buy fruit and veg at a street market. You would behave in exactly the opposite way."

COSTS CAN BE IMPORTANT – BUT VALUE IS MORE SO

You might be tempted to plump automatically for an investment fund with the lowest charges.

This might turn out to be a good move – but equally, paying a little more for the best investment manager could result in much better returns. The actions of a decent fund manager could more than compensate you for the higher charges.

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Commercial sector greets opportunity presented by first business roadshow

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THE Business Growth Show made its mid-Kent debut at The Orchards Conference Centre in East Malling, attracting companies from across the commercial sector.

There are now more than 40 such events each year around the UK and each is a business-to-business roadshow that offers decision-makers the opportunity to grow their business by networking with forward-thinking, dynamic delegates.

Being non-industry-specific, companies from all backgrounds find new, inventive ways to help their business grow, discover new suppliers, reduce costs and gain industry knowledge from expert exhibitors.

The show featured topics such as the works of economic guru QJ The Inspirationist – 'How to turn your creativity into cash' – and growth adviser Ian George's work '18 secrets super-successful business owners know and do, that most business owners either don't know or don't do'.

There were also speed-networking sessions, business stands, 20 expert exhibitors and some 100 delegates.

Local and national businesses attended, including Barclaycard Merchant Systems, The Intellectual Property Office and Creditsafe.

Event director Ian James said: "We were delighted with our very first Maidstone show. The Business Growth Shows are unique in being intimate business networking roadshows, not major foot-slogging exhibitions.

"Our longest-established shows around the UK regularly achieve around our maximum of 40 exhibitors and 250 delegates, so this was an extremely good start for us."

Delegate Philippa Monger, from Liquid Computing, said she "really enjoyed the show and met some very useful contacts", while Rick Fuggle, from Aegle, said he "enjoyed the show and the networking very much".

Each event held under the Business Growth Show banner supports a regional charity, with the Maidstone show helping The Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs, which had a free exhibition stand to attract mentors to enable young people to achieve for themselves.

"We were delighted to support the foundation to help the young people from Kent start and grow a business," said James.

The next show for the mid-Kent region will be on Tuesday, November 27, in Tunbridge Wells.

Phone Ian James for details on 020 8300 7584, email ian@thebusinessgrowthshow.co.uk or see www.thebusinessgrowthshow.co.uk.



LISTENING IN: The Business Growth Show in East Malling gave businesses networking opportunities

REDEVELOPMENT

Council's go-ahead for £10m development could herald brighter future for Orpington

PLANS for a £10 million retail and leisure development in Orpington that could create up to 130 jobs have been approved by Bromley Council.

The decision gives the green light to development of The Walnuts shopping centre to include a seven-screen cinema, retail and restaurant units and a new and improved public square.

The 950-seat cinema will be the first in Orpington in 30 years as part of the investment project.

Peter Dean, chairman of the development control committee, which gave the go-ahead, said: "This is a high-quality scheme which will provide much-improved leisure facilities in the heart of Orpington town centre.

"The scheme will enhance the public amenities in the area and provide a good mix of retail and leisure. The committee unanimously agreed it will greatly benefit Orpington."

The Miller Developments scheme includes plans to relocate the existing market to the adjacent College Square, plant two mature walnut trees and create a glazed frontage for the cinema lobby to provide visual interest.

It is intended to complete the project by the end of 2013.

Peter Morgan, executive councillor for renewal and recreation, said: "This landmark development shows a positive step forward for Orpington town centre and expands on our vision to 'Build A Better Bromley'.

"The scheme will not only bring 130 new jobs to the area but will also increase vital footfall, ensuring the vitality of the area and benefiting existing businesses and residents."

The scheme is in line with the council's plan to raise Orpington's profile and improve facilities. This has included the £2.2m high-street improvements, with vacancy levels in shops improving by 3 per cent.

RETAIL

Economic boost for cathedral city as report shows rise in new companies

CANTERBURY district has seen a record-breaking number of new company registrations in the first half of the year, according to the quarterly Duport Business Confidence Report for the area, with 265 new companies starting trading.

The study uses public records and data from Companies House to record the number of new businesses starting out and those closing down. During the first six months of 2012, there was an increase of 2.3 per cent in the number of company formations in the city.

There was more good news for the local economy with a further drop in company closures. These reached an all-time high of 257 in the first half of 2009, when the worse effects of the recession were being felt.

Numbers have been dropping steadily since then, with only 139 company closures in the first half of this year.

Canterbury district retains some 4,700 businesses, with up to 60,000 full- and part-time employees.

Unemployment in the city has dropped significantly since 2001, due to the opening of the Whitefriars shopping complex, which created thousands of job opportunities. The city also benefits from a healthy tourist trade, with more than a million visitors every year.

Peter Valaitis, managing director of Duport.co.uk, said: "Canterbury is a thriving place which, although not completely unscathed by the recession, is doing well despite tough economic conditions. The record number of company formations set up in the first half of this year points towards an economy that looks set to continue growing in years to come."

He added that the unique nature of Canterbury's tourist offering, together with a healthy economy and low unemployment, should provide a solid economic base for the future.

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Young chef hopes online scheme is the recipe for a thriving career

By Nick Ames
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WITH youth unemployment a cause for national concern, and ways to harness and develop young people's enthusiasm and potential always a matter for discussion, one Kent business has benefited from a new Government scheme.

The Secret Garden restaurant at Mersham-le-Hatch has taken on two apprentices to work in its kitchen after they applied for vacancies online.

A website allows those looking to gain an apprenticeship to register on the internet and create a home page detailing areas of interest and their own qualifications.

Young people can also search for opportunities with companies that have themselves registered at www.apprenticeships.org.uk, and would-be applicants can browse the online information looking for appropriate choices.

The Government set up the programme in a bid to put young people in touch with companies and vice versa in a bid to create job opportunities.

Jack Crust, 17, from Ashford, is training to be a chef under the scheme. He said: "I thought I'd done as much as I could at school, so I looked at the site and the opportunities for a career in catering that were out there.

"I've always been interested in catering and thought I'd give it a go. I learnt some things at school, which helped, but now watching and learning in the workplace has given me a whole lot more skills."

At The Secret Garden the apprentices work alongside chefs in general kitchen duties, but they are also entrusted with creating recipes from the basic ingredients.

"It's challenging, but the help and advice is there when I need it," said Jack.

Stephanie Wanstall, owner of the business, said: "It is about training the next generation of chefs," she said.

"Practical experience is in my view more valuable than learning on a course, and all our chefs are very keen to help the young people, who in turn bring energy and enthusiasm to the working environment."



CUTTING EDGE: Seventeen-year-old Jack Crust, left, learns the ropes with Secret Garden's head chef Mark Tanner

FOOD

Thai's the limit as restaurant group focuses on expansion

THE Giggling Squid Thai restaurant group, which has premises in Tunbridge Wells and three Sussex towns, has announced it intends to be the first national chain to specialise in Thai food.

Four more restaurant openings are planned this year – and the target is for 50 more in the next five years.

Sites around the M25 are being looked into, including one in Sevenoaks, as, unlike many other countries whose food is popular in the UK, there is no large-scale business opening venues.

The company's bosses say they want to explore affluent areas in which to open branches of the restaurant – but they also emphasised the food served would all be as genuine as possible and reflect the tastes and flavours of the Far East.

Andy Laurilland owns the chain with his wife Pranee.

He said: "The thing about Thai food is that you can't make it in a factory – you have to make it with chefs on site.

"There are just over 1,500 Thai restaurants across the UK and we've eaten in lots of them and I can't think of anywhere that gets near the peaks of Thai cuisine I've experienced in Thailand."

The restaurants' signature dish is called giggling squid – a steamed baby squid filled with minced chicken with basil and chilli.

Tapas-style dishes are also on offer.

Networking event gets day off to an enterprising start

BUSINESS-OWNERS and executives from across The Weald flocked to Tenterden's biggest business networking breakfast, which was hailed as a great event.

Organised by the Wealden Business Group and held at The Little Silver Country Hotel in Tenterden, the open day was designed to help local businesses meet potential new customers and professional contacts.

More than 75 members and guests attended.

WBG chairman Richard Harvey said: "It was a terrific morning and a real example of what business networking can achieve – helping local business to succeed, and stimulating growth."

Magnificent seven have warm glow from heating company's community initiative

SWALE Heating has taken on seven apprentices as part of a community initiative in partnership with clients AmicusHorizon and East Kent Housing.

The youngsters have embarked on plumbing and administration apprenticeships with Swale Heating at its Sittingbourne headquarters.

Matt Hobbs, client and resident liaison manager at Swale Heating, explained that the apprentices all live in social-housing properties owned by the two associations.

They were chosen after a selection process was agreed with housing association client AmicusHorizon and also East Kent Housing, which was set up by Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet councils to help improve housing services for tenants.

Hobbs said: "Applicants, who are all residents of AmicusHorizon and East Kent Housing, needed to apply and attend an open day at our offices, for Amicus Horizon tenants, while East Kent Housing arranged an open day in Canterbury.



NEW START: The seven apprentices

"Applicants were given details of the apprenticeships on offer and we outlined the required skills and what we were looking for. They also undertook a brief written test, which was used to progress to the next stage, where the successful candidates were interviewed, given a further written test and scored based upon their answers.

"The apprenticeships are two years initially, qualifying them as plumbers with an NVQ Level 2.

"Those that show the correct aptitude and skills after this will progress to train and ultimately become gas engineers.

"They are paid and employed by us, initially on a two-year contract, and there will be a job for all successful candidates after this.

"Swale Heating celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and I can't think of a better way to help mark this special year than by giving these opportunities to youngsters from the local community."



Training, courses and careers

College playing its part to train new engineers

A REPORT by the Royal Academy of Engineering has warned that there are not enough engineers in the UK to support the economic recovery.

The UK would need a minimum of 100,000 science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) graduates a year to maintain the status quo.

North West Kent College says it is eager to help young people progress with their education and to ultimately find employment. With a job market scarce of engineering graduates, the college is keen to make the local community aware of the potential job opportunities that could help to reduce unemployment rates.

An Autumn Fast Track programme is offered across the college and for all of the engineering courses, which will begin on November 5.

The fast track programme is designed to help young people who feel they have made the wrong choice about their education, and is giving them the opportunity to change their mind and come to college.

The college says it has an extensive engineering department with courses including electrical and electronic engineering, refrigeration and air conditioning, plumbing and mechanical engineering. The college also offers Higher National Diplomas/Certificates (HND/C) and Higher Apprenticeships in electrical and electronic engineering as well as apprenticeships in most of the engineering disciplines.

Curriculum manager for engineering Scott Wilkins, said: "We offer a great provision that enables students to progress from entry level all the way though to higher education.

"The benefit is that they get hands on experience as well as the theory side, which sets our students up for both further study and the engineering industry."

Legal training leads to full-time jobs at law firm

TUNBRIDGE Wells law firm Cripps Harries Hall LLP, has announced that four newly qualified solicitors have taken up permanent positions at the firm, having completed their two-year training contracts

In addition, seven new trainees joined the firm last month September, with a view to landing own permanent roles in 2014.

The firm says the programme is evidence of its long-standing commitment to investing in talent and growing legal expertise within the business.

Among the newly-qualified solicitors, James Blyth has taken up a position in commercial dispute resolution, Erin Gilman has joined the corporate team, Sarah Crowell has taken a role focused on planning and dispute resolution, and Hannah Harris has joined the employment team.

The new trainee solicitors include William Bishop, Rachel Garland, Lorna-Jane Gittings, Laura Jones, Will Leney, Dino Sikkel and Mireille Turner. All have joined Cripps on a two-year training contract, each sitting with different practice teams on a four-month rotation, allowing them to develop their interests and their potential future legal specialisations.

Cripps' managing partner, Jonathan Denny, said: "It has long been our policy to train bright graduates and retain them on qualification, and we have maintained this programme throughout these challenging times."

Could your businesses take on an apprentice?

KENT businesses are benefiting from the talents of young people by taking on apprentices.

More than 280 apprentice places have been pledged by companies throughout the county and Kent County Council is looking for more businesses that would benefit from funding to help hire an apprentice.

New Look Tiling, in Maidstone had a visit from Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter to meet Anthony Ashton, 19, who has just started an apprenticeship.

Owner Martin Rose said: "I have built up my business to a stage where I could often do with a hand, so the apprentice scheme couldn't have come at a better time for me. I found the whole process straight forward too, a lot can be done online.

"Anthony is a real asset, helping with all the running around and lifting, he's picking up new skills daily, which makes my life easier.

"Everyone has to start somewhere and it's good to give young people a chance.

"Young people are the future and they need to learn their skills from somewhere. He gets a qualification and it also provides me with help. Give a young person a chance, they might surprise you."

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or call us on 01303 817136.



TRAINEE: Apprentice Anthony Ashton, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter and Martin Rose

Cllr Carter added: "Every business in Kent can benefit from taking on an apprentice. Kent County Council has put aside £2 million to fund the Kent Employment Programme.

"Businesses receive £2,000 for each young person they take on if they have been out of work for three months or more. The team can also help companies access national funding to bring the costs down further.

"These funding opportunities can bring the costs for businesses down to as little as £52 a week. Kent is on target to have created an additional 900 new apprentices by 2014 thanks to companies like New Look Tiling."

Firms interested in taking on an apprentice can go to www.kent.gov.uk/kentjobs4kyp, phone 0800 101 8224, or email kep@kent.gov.uk.

Teenage shop assistant Ruby is a first for homeware giant Cath Kidston

HIGH street favourite Cath Kidston has teamed up with Canterbury College to launch its first employee apprenticeship programme.

Ruby Streek, 16, from Faversham, became the retail chain's first apprentice when she began a Level 2 in retail skills qualification at the college.

Ruby, who has been working at Cath Kidston's Canterbury branch since the start of September, will spend one day every three weeks at the college learning about everything from approaching and advising customers, to creating sales-boosting shop displays.

She said: "This is great for me because when I left school I couldn't choose whether to go to college or get a full-time job. Being able to do a few days at college and apply it to the workplace really appealed to me.

"I feel a level of responsibility to live up to knowing I'm Cath Kidston's first apprentice but it's going well and I'm enjoying it."

Ruby has a day of lessons at the college once every three weeks, with a final exam in April. Completion of the course could lead onto a Level 3 in retail skills qualification.

The college's retail skills tutor Sarah Cooper said: "Ruby's got to be able to approach customers and sell to them. For a 16-year-old that can be hard to do, and this will be a real confidence booster for her.

"Everything Ruby learns here she can take to the shop floor where it will become second nature."

Cath Kidston is working with the college's Canterbury Retail Skills Shop which delivers courses specifically designed for those working in the retail sector. These include apprenticeships, customer service retail management courses, and the new Mary Portas Guide to Successful Retailing.

The college's business account executive, Yolanda Levina, said: "When we approached Cath Kidston about working together Ruby had just started as a Saturday girl. The manager was keen to offer her an opportunity to grow within the organisation.

"Canterbury College had just become the only college in the area to be awarded National Skills Academy for Retail status and we were able to enrol her onto the retail apprenticeship programme.

"We are very proud and excited to work with Cath Kidston."



RETAIL COURSE: Ruby Streek

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Art college helps pupils learn to enjoy the Big Draw

SCHOOLCHILDREN are being encouraged to pick up a pencil and draw thanks to a special collaboration between the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) and Turner Contemporary.

Students from UCA Maidstone are taking over the Margate gallery's regular weekend workshops during October for the national Big Draw campaign.

The sessions are on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm in the gallery's Learning Studio.

Subject leader in fine art at UCA, Grant Petrey, said: "We are proud to be working with Turner Contemporary as part of the Big Draw campaign because we want encourage youngsters to find new ways of creative thinking and learning, while also expressing themselves and gaining a new understanding of the world around them.

"We hope that a wider message of the importance of community, collaboration and creative fun is spread via Turner Contemporary and UCA students and connect people in a positive way."

Launched as a one-day event in 2000, the Big Draw is now the world's biggest annual celebration of drawing, lasting a full month. Every October, museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries, schools and parks join in.



ART GALLERY: A child takes part in the Big Draw

The month-long UCA workshops will also benefit the students leading them.

Mr Petrey said: "It is important that our students experience the art world beyond the confines of UCA and are able to make use of the skills they're being given so they can better understand how they are connected to a wider community of practice.

"The workshops give a wide range of students, from different year groups and courses, the opportunity to come together to work constructively with other artists in a gallery environment and also to contextualise what they do for a public audience."

The gallery's learning officer Keiko Higashi, said: "Turner Contemporary is passionate about getting young people interested in art so the Big Draw campaign is an ideal project for us to support."

Rugby victory for young Oliver

A SPECIAL presentation has been held at Maidstone Rugby Club to celebrate the club's new change kit designed by Oliver Ralph, a Year 8 student at Cornwallis Academy in the county town.

Oliver was presented with a shirt and framed copy of his design. The first team wore the new kit in their opening home game of the season and each shirt has been printed with 'Designed by Oliver Ralph' on the back.

Earlier this year Cornwallis Academy and MRC forged an exciting partnership in order to promote the sport and create opportunities for young player participation and development.

To launch the commencement of this formal collaboration, Cornwallis students were invited to submit designs for MRC's new change strip, which will also be adopted as the new academy strip.

The competition received more than 500 entries and Oliver's design was picked as the overall winner.

Students set new fundraising record for Royal National Institute of Blind People

BUSINESS students at MidKent College raised a record-breaking sum of money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

A quiz night, raffle, cake sale, auction and blind football competition, were among the activities held to raise £1,307 for the charity – more than double what has been collected in previous years.

But the grand total was even higher thanks to a late £750 donation from ED&F Man in recognition of the students' hard work.

RNIB fundraiser Eileen Haffenden accepted a cheque from the Maidstone campus students at a presentation.



CASH: Student fundraisers Sarah Berridge and Mitch Ivory

She said: "They all really embraced this project and the charity is so thankful for everything they've done.

"When I walked into the quiz night earlier this year I was blown away by the professionalism of it all. I wish the students all the very best for the future."

The students who organised the fundraising were all on the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business course.

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Higher Education Administrator, fixed term, part time

Salary: £10,384 - £18,066 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Medway Campus

The College is seeking to appoint an experienced administrator to join our team working on the UCAS and Student Loans Company systems. The successful candidate should have experience of working with databases, preferably those mentioned, have a flexible attitude to work, the ability to quickly pick up on new systems and be a good team player.
Closing date: midday on 1 November 2012

Higher Education Learner Voice Coordinator, fixed term, part time

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Medway Campus

The College is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and ambitious person to help develop systems for enhancing the experience of our Higher Education Learners. The successful candidate would work with the Student Union president and management information teams to develop our methods for engaging our learners. They will need to be energetic, resourceful and a people person as well as having good IT and organisational skills. The College would particularly welcome applications from a recent graduate of a local University or Further Education College.
Closing date: midday on 1 November 2012

Apprentice in Student Welfare, full time, one year contract

Medway Campus

The college is looking to appoint an apprentice on the Business Administration framework within the Student Support department. This is an exciting opportunity if you are confident in communicating with a range of people and have excellent ICT skills. The role requires the ideal candidate to be organised and able to maintain confidentiality, demonstrate excellent customer service, and prioritise the workload, whilst working with empathy for students needing support.
The core hours will be 8.30am-5pm Mon - Fri with occasional evening and weekend work
You will undertake a recognised qualification in order to achieve your apprenticeship.
Training allowance: £6,314 per annum plus reward bonus upon successful completion of the NVQ Qualification.
Closing date: midday on 1 November 2012

Student Welfare Officer, part time, permanent

20 hours per week / 40 weeks per year
Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 per annum, pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Maidstone Campus

The College is looking to appoint a Part time Student Welfare Office for our Maidstone campus to enhance our current team. The successful applicant will be a professional lead for Safeguarding and work as a Safeguarding Officer, working with the Designated Child Protection Coordinator. The post-holder will also act as first line support for those who may require referral to the College Counselling service and will support in the administration of the Counselling service. They will also continue to develop, implement and monitor the health and welfare services for students and provide advice, support and information to students regarding safeguarding and welfare issues.
We are seeking a highly motivated and organised professional, with a background in the welfare sector, local authority health, social care or specialist projects.
The post holder will work with Personal Tutors, Youth Workers and the Student Union President to actively implement activities designed to improve the health and well-being of students.
Closing date: midday on 8 November 2012

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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APPLICATION TO INSTALL A REPLACEMENT AGGREGATES PIPELINE

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Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to mike.mcgoldrick@marinemanagement.org.uk, within 28 days of this publication, quoting reference MLA/2012/00397. The Marine Management Organisation will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation we receive.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Dorton House, Wildernesse Avenue, Seal**

Applicant: **Lisa Hutchings**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

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Notice of application for a Premises Licence

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Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises: From 08:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to The Licensing Section, Environmental and Public Health Services, 132 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1BQ by 13 November 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by The Licensing Section, Environmental and Public Health Services, 132 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1BQ. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Alexander Neary trading as Tenlar Scaffolding Ltd of 107 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4JY is applying for a license to use Oakleigh Farm, Buckland Road, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7HY as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A Guide To Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Application for a New Premises Licence

We Alan James Albert and Valerie Ann Albert hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council at the Council Offices, for the grant of a New Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Leybourne Castle situated at 85, Castle Way, Leybourne, Kent ME19 5HE in respect of the following licensable activities:-

1. sale by retail of alcohol,
2. the provision of regulated entertainment,
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The application can be viewed at the offices of the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4LZ during normal office hours - www.tmbc.gov.uk
Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application that is no later than 9th November 2012.
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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The order was made on 17 October, 2012 and comes into force on 9 November, 2012.

The effect of the Order will be to consolidate into one document the provisions of the Kent County Council (Canterbury) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 and all subsequent amendments thereto. This is an administrative matter which will make no changes to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HERNE BAY) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The order was made on 17 October, 2012 and comes into force on 9 November, 2012.

The effect of the Order will be to consolidate into one document the provisions of the Kent County Council (Herne Bay) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 and all subsequent amendments thereto. This is an administrative matter which will make no changes to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WHITSTABLE) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The order was made on 17 October, 2012 and comes into force on 9 November, 2012.

The effect of the Order will be to consolidate into one document the provisions of the Kent County Council (Whitstable) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 and all subsequent amendments thereto. This is an administrative matter which will make no changes to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY RURAL PARISHES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2012

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The order was made on 17 October, 2012 and comes into force on 9 November, 2012.

The effect of the Order will be to consolidate into one document the provisions of the Kent County Council (Canterbury Rural Parishes) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 and all subsequent amendments thereto. This is an administrative matter which will make no changes to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

Full details are contained in the made Order which, together with a statement of the council's reasons for making the order, may be examined at the Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

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Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/01591/FUL: 6 Oxford Close, Whitstable, CT5 1JT Two-storey side and single-storey side and rear extensions. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Aldridge** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01707/FUL: The Old Cottage, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT3 4AB Erection of replacement two-storey rear extension and erection of two-storey side extension and associated alterations to The Old Cottage and demolition of single-storey rear extension to The Pole Barn, erection of linked garage extension to rear and associated conversion of The Pole Barn to provide ancillary office use. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Oates** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//12/01708/LB: The Old Cottage, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT3 4AB Erection of replacement two-storey rear extension and erection of two-storey side extension and associated alterations to The Old Cottage and demolition of single-storey rear extension to The Pole Barn, erection of linked garage extension to rear and associated conversion of The Pole Barn to provide ancillary office use. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Oates** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/01722/FUL: North Barn, Home Farm House, Marshside, Chislet, CT3 4EG Renovation and conversion of timber barn to one single, two-storey dwelling, with associated works. **Applicant: Mrs D Pughe** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//12/01728/FUL: Lynsore Court, Manns Hill, Upper Hardres, CT4 6EE Construction of swimming pool and installation of solar panels. **Applicant: Mr D Child** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//12/01731/LB: Lynsore Court, Manns Hill, Upper Hardres, CT4 6EE Installation of solar panels. **Applicant: Mr D Child** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//12/01754/FUL: 50 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8LF Replacement of two windows to a single dormer from top opening casement style to sliding sash style. **Applicant: Mrs V O'Shea** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01771/FUL: 32 Warwick Road, Whitstable, CT5 1HX Rooflights to front and dormer to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Clark** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01775/FUL: National House, 65 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LQ Change of use from offices (Use Class B1) to residential (Use Class C3) including internal sub-division to form six two-bedroom flats, upgrading of external fabric and associated external works. **Applicant: Dyzack Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01795/FUL: Otters Quest, Seaton Road, Wickhambreaux, CT3 1RW Erection of greenhouse. **Applicant: Mrs Catherine Stacey** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01801/FUL: 2 Park Farm Bungalows, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NH First floor extension to side of dwelling and loft conversion incorporating higher ridge height. **Applicant: Mr R Holness** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01805/ADV: Unit 17, Marlowe Arcade, Canterbury Non-illuminated fascia sign, projecting sign and two external display cases. **Applicant: Artique Galleries** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01806/FUL: Land at Blackthorn Road/Island Road, Sturry Erection of 60-bed care home with parking, landscaping and other associated works. **Applicant: Frontier Retail (Natone) Ltd** Reason: Major development.
CA//12/01809/LB: 8 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JH Replacement signage and internal and external alterations to retail unit. **Applicant: Lush Retail Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building
CA//12/01813/FUL: Robins, Montague Street, Herne Bay, CT6 8TJ Erection of detached dwelling **Applicant: Mr Holden** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01816/LB: Neville House, 90-91 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BA Internal alterations **Applicant: Ramsen Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/01817/LB: North Barn, Home Farm House, Marshside, Chislet, CT3 4EG Renovation and conversion of timber barn to one single, two-storey dwelling, with associated works. **Applicant: Mrs D Pughe** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/01818/FUL: Neville House, 90-91 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BA Conversion of building from professional services (Use Class A2) to seven residential flats (Use Class C3). **Applicant: Ramsen Ltd** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 12 November 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 19 October 2012

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HERNE BAY) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 2) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to amend the Kent County Council (Herne Bay) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Herne Bay:

Sea Street	Extended double yellow lines north of the junction with York Road
York Road	Extended double yellow lines on both sides near the junction with Sea Street

Full details are contained in the draft order which, together with a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the order, a map showing the location and effect and a copy of any orders which will be amended by the proposed order, may be examined at the Canterbury City Council Offices in Military Road, Canterbury or William Street, Herne Bay during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to the proposed order you should write, stating the grounds for your objection, to the Transportation Manager, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW. Alternatively you may email your response to **transportation@canterbury.gov.uk** Your submission must be received by noon on Friday 2 November 2012.

Please note that any correspondence with the city council may be published on the council's website as a background paper to a committee report. If you are writing in confidence please state this clearly.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed order or require further information please email the city council's Transportation and Environment Team or telephone **01227 862 544** Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/AS/0349/2012 - Proposed development at Charing C of E Primary School, School Road, Charing, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0JN

Charing C of E Primary School is applying to the Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the demolition of the existing polycarbonate canopy and construction of 3 new classrooms, 3 offices, storage, circulation and welfare facilities. Externally the proposal is to add a new pathway to the front of the extension and to install a new MUGA to the back of the original school building. The proposed development is adjacent to a Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance and could also affect the setting of nearby listed buildings. The development site is in close proximity to and may affect a public right of way.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SH/0346/2012 - Proposed development at Brookland CE Primary School, High Street, Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9QR

Brookland CE Primary School is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for the erection of wooden canopy with polycarbonate roof adjacent to school building and boundary fence. The proposed development is within the Brookland Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

KCC/SW/0342/2012 - Proposed development at Tunstall C of E Primary School, Tunstall Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8DX

Tunstall CE (Aided) Primary School is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for a temporary change of use of land from agricultural to car park associated with Tunstall School and construction of car park with associated infrastructure for a period of 5 years. The proposed development is on the edge of the Tunstall Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance and could also affect the setting of listed buildings. The proposed development also affects a public right of way.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 21 October 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1276/N - KILNWOOD FARM, OLD HAM LANE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2LT - Change of use of land to a mixed use as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families (including the erection of two utility/day rooms, the siting of 2 static mobile homes and 2 touring caravans and provision of associated hard standings) and the keeping of horses. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1636/S - LINDEN HOUSE, BROAD STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3AJ - Listed Building Consent for erection of a ground floor extension. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1729/S - HILLCREST COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AX - Introduction of rear dormer. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/12/1732/S - HILLCREST COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AX - An application for Listed Building Consent for the introduction of a rear dormer. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1747/N - BROOK HOUSE, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR - Application for listed building consent to replace conservatory. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1749/S - LAND OFF, MARIGOLD WAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT - Erection of 40 no. dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) together with public open space and new vehicle and pedestrian access from Marigold Way. **Reason: 1 6 9**

MA/12/1754/S - REDPIT BARN REDPIT, LEEDS ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3JN - Listed building consent for modifications to approved application MA/11/0123 (Listed building consent for conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being the incorporation of wall linings to bathrooms, kitchen and ground floor bedroom/study, additional internal glazed panels, and revised stair design. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1769/N - 31, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PF - Partial demolition, alterations, extensions and change of use of building to a mixed use of A3 use, A2 use and a self-contained residential apartment. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/12/1770/N - 31, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PF - Listed building consent for partial demolition, alterations and extensions (being works involved in the change of use of building to a mixed use of A3 use, A2 use and a self-contained residential apartment). **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1773/N - 16, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5DG - Replacement of all existing windows to all elevations with white-painted timber double-glazed windows in existing openings. **Reason: 2 3**

MA/12/1774/N - FLATS 1-7 THE MEWS REAR OF 37, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JG - Replacement of timber windows and doors with upvc units. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/12/1777/N - LAND AT NORTHLAND AND GROOM WAY, OLD ASHFORD ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 0QY - Erection of 12(no) dwellings and associated works. **Reason: 6 9**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **4th November 2012** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 21st October 2012.

To advertise in this section
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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS)

(PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES)

CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 2)

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order proposes the following: -

To install disabled persons' parking places in the vicinity of the following locations: - 67 Burrow Road, Folkestone; 23 Calgary Crescent, Folkestone; 159 Cheriton High Street, Folkestone; 11 Grimston Gardens, Folkestone; 149 Shaftesbury Avenue, Folkestone; 16 Tudor Road, Folkestone; 5 Martins Way, Hythe; 1 Densole Lane, Densole; 8 Palm Tree Way, Lyminge

To revoke the following disable persons' parking places: - 10 Brockman Road, Folkestone; 71 Charles Crescent, Folkestone; 10 Ernwell Road, Folkestone; 14 Ernwell Road, Folkestone; 22 St Martins Road, Folkestone; 15 Trimworth Road, Folkestone; 2 Oaks Road, Hythe

A copy of the proposed Order, a copy of any Orders which may be amended by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing it can be inspected during normal office hours at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any views about the proposed Order you should make them in writing to (DPPB Consultation), Parking Services, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY. Or email DPPB.Consultation@shepway.gov.uk stating "Consolidation Order" in the subject title.

We must receive any representations before 5pm on Monday 12th November 2012 for them to be considered. For legal reasons we cannot accept representations over the phone or in person.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

This notice is published by Shepway District Council on behalf of Kent Highway Services, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/02500/HOUSE **Limes Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
- Widening of existing hedge opening to 4m to create new access and construction of driveway over existing pathway (LB) (CA)

12/02746/FUL **Parkwood Farm Cryals Road, Brenchley**
- Erection of detached house and garage and alterations to an existing building (DEVPLN)

12/02791/LBC **Hodges Barn Dundle Road, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent: Installation of woodburning stove with flue extending .61m above ridge line (LB)

12/02603/HOUSE **30 Boyne Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Single storey wooden garden shed (CA)

12/02604/HOUSE **3 West Road Goudhurst, Goudhurst**
- Replacement of garden shed with larger shed/summer house (CA)(LB)

12/02727/FUL **Land Adjacent Three Winds, Goudhurst**
- Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings, workshop and storage: Replacement with a five bedroom, two storey dwelling and associated landscape works (LB)

12/02762/FUL **Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Extension of time - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) (LB)

12/02805/HOUSE **Pinehurst West Road, Goudhurst**
- Two storey side extension to detached annexe (CA)

12/02627/FUL **Roses Farm Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst**
- Field shelters for Alpaca herds, light hay storage and sundries (retrospective) (LB)

12/02797/HOUSE **The Foundry High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Single storey side extension (LB) (CA)

12/02563/LBC **Bushes Farmhouse Churn Lane, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent - To prevent further dilapidation of barn and measures to stop future movement (LB)

12/02501/HOUSE **8 The Slade Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst**
- Driveway and detached wooden garage (CA)

12/02749/FUL **Lindridge Lodge Farm Buildings Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
- Conversion of timber framed barn to a single dwelling TW/03/00472/FUL - Variation of condition 9 to amend the residential curtilage (LB)

12/02812/LBC **Bayham Hall Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Insertion of new partitioning within arcade and interconnecting doors at Ground Floor level and infill partition to First Floor landing opening as reinstatement of previously consented party wall sub-division between House No.1 and House No.2 (LB)

12/02753/HOUSE **Shandon House Pembury Road, Park**
- Conversion of car port to garage. External rendering of 3 elevations of house, rendered boundary wall, sliding timber entrance gate and personnel door, close board fence (CA)

12/02773/FUL **74 - 76 Mount Pleasant Road Second Floor, Park**
- Change of use from B1 Business (office use) to D2 use for a Pilates studio (CA)

12/02781/LBC **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Town Hall, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Installation of a stand-by generator on new concrete plinth in courtyard of Town Hall; Associated erection of exhaust system to discharge at roof level and fuel supply line from adjacent road; Installation of cabling and switchgear to connect generator to existing electrical distribution circuits (LB)

12/02787/LBC **Jeremys Home Store And 28 26 Monson Road, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Enlargement of existing opening through ground floor wall of No.28; Provision of two new openings through party wall between Nos.26 and 28 at ground floor level; Provision of one new opening through party wall between Nos.26 and 28 at basement level; Removal of existing timber staircase and MDF enclosure from ground to basement in No.26 (LB)

12/02814/HOUSE **13 Summerhill Avenue Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Removal (part) existing conservatory with addition of flat roof rear extension (CA)

12/02731/LBC **St Michael's Burrswood, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Alterations and refurbishments internally including provision of accessible shower rooms, or improvement to existing (LB)

12/02819/LBC **Little Bote House Etherington Hill, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Renew kitchen window subframe and refurbish casements; renew one plain glazed window; renew French doors and windows; restore sash window at first floor (work commenced) (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 20 October 2012

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PLANNING

Folkestone

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0898/SH* - Six Mile Garage Stone Street Stelling Minnis Kent CT4 6DN - Erection of detached two storey dwelling with associated driveway, parking and landscaping following demolition of disused swimming pool house/changing facility and removal of parking area to garage.

Y12/0906/SH+ - 5 Station Road Hythe Kent CT21 5PN - Felling of two Ash trees situated within a conservation area

Y12/0911/SH# - Home Green Madeira Road Littlestone New Romney Kent - Reduction in height, by a maximum of 40%, of a group of Conifers situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0882/SH+ - 6 Hillside Street Hythe Kent CT21 5EJ - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising of:- the felling of a Pittosporum (T2) and a Bay (T4) followed by the planting of a fruit tree and a Judas tree and the crown reduction back to previous points of two Bays (T1 and T3).

Y12/0905/SH - Copthorne The Undercliff Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Felling of a Lawson Cypress tree situated within a conservation area

Y12/0896/SH+ - Highcliffe 2 Castle Road Hythe Kent CT21 5EY - Section 73 application for the variation of condition 12 of planning permission Y11/1086/SH (revised details for the erection of a detached house as an alternative to that approved under application Y05/0819/SH) to allow the house to be built to meet a Code for Sustainable homes rating of 2* as opposed to 3* (resubmission of application Y12/0466/SH).

Y12/0876/SH# - Mittell House Church Road New Romney Kent TN28 8TU - Pruning of a Magnolia tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0925/SH - The Old School House The Square Elham Canterbury Kent - Felling of a Mountain Ash tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0802/SH - Shakespeare Centre 145 - 147 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2DA - Change of use of part ground floor retail unit (Class A1) to provide a residential entrance way/foyer and part demolition of existing first floor structure and construction of first and second floor extensions to provide 12 no.residential apartments.

Y12/0745/SH - The Old School School Lane Newington Folkestone Kent - Retrospective application for conversion of an existing extension to annexe living accommodation.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

\# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 05 NOVEMBER 2012

SW/12/0952:
New controlled atmosphere fruit store (in part replacing outdated store at Rodmersham Court Farm), new empty fruit bin store and associated hardstandings for access, circulation and for open storage. (PLEASE NOTE NEW INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED) - G H Dean & Co., Hempstead Farm, Hempstead Lane, BAPCHILD; **REASON 3**

SW/12/1097 & SW/12/1271:
To replace windows to stairwell area of church hall - United Reformed Crescent Church Hall, Central Avenue, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1123:
Internal alterations and elevational alterations including fitting of external wood cladding and new windows - 207 The Street, BOUGHTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1172:
Redevelopment of disused grazing paddock to form a housing estate with 14 dwellings - The Paddock, Land adj to Scocles Court, Scocles Road, MINSTER; **REASONS 2 & 3**

SW/12/1220:
Development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works - Land at Littles Manor Farm, Ashford Road, SHELDWICH; **REASONS 3 & 6**

SW/12/1228:
Ground floor fireplace extension with attached two storey store to side of existing dwelling - Redborough Barn, Stalisfield Road, STALISFIELD; **REASON 1**

SW/12/1241:
Rear conservatory - 4 Goldings Wharf, Belvedere Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/1253:
Erect 4m x 3m shed in garden - Dungate Barn, Kingsdown, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 2**

SW/12/1285 & SW/12/1286:
Garden room in rear garden of property - 69 South Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AT SEATON MARSHES, WICKHAMBREAUX AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector has been appointed by the Kent County Council to hold a non-statutory Public Inquiry into the above application and will attend on:

Monday 12 November 2012

At Ickham Village Hall, School Lane, Ickham, Canterbury, Kent CT3 1QU.

To hold a public local inquiry into the application.

A copy of the Inspector's directions setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens

For further enquiries, please contact Miss Melanie McNeir on

Tel: 01622 221628

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH NU5

IN THE PARISH OF GRAVESEND

PUBLIC FOOTPATH NU5 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath NU5, between Crete Hall Road and The Shore (NGR TQ 635 745) from the 5th November 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed for excavation works and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Crete Hall Road and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Alison Andreassen

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4

IN THE PARISH OF TESTON

PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath KM4, between NGR TQ 707 529 and NGR TQ 708 532 from the 11th October 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact John Pelham

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU23

IN THE PARISH OF SEVENOAKS

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU23 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath SU23, between Akehurst Lane / the Leisure Centre car park (NGR TQ 532 546) and the entrance into Knole Park (NGR TQ 533 546) from the 5th November 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 16th November 2012.

The path will be closed to carry out maintenance on the trees beside the public footpath and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via the High Street, Public Footpath SU25 and the main entrance into Knole Park and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Nicky Biddall

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX **Dated: 21st October 2012**

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

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HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

GOLDWELL LANE, GREAT CHART (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Goldwell Lane, Great Chart, on or after 24 October 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Etchden Road and Vitters Oak Lane.

The alternative route is via Etchden Road, Ninn Lane, The Street, Ashford Road and Goldwell Lane.

SUSSEX AVENUE, STURGES ROAD AND KENT AVENUE, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sussex Avenue, Sturges Road and Kent Avenue, Ashford, on or after 25 October 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The three roads will be closed in succession, in phases for their entire lengths.

There is no alternative route. The one-way Traffic Orders for the three roads will be suspended to allow access up to where the road is closed, from either direction.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 3 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

(1) Extend the existing 30mph speed limit on Egerton Road, Pluckley (2) install a new 40mph limit on The Pinnock, Pluckley Thorne and (3) install a new 30mph limit through Chambers Green, Pluckley.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Amanda Murdoch, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 11/11/2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 28) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, proposes to make the above Order the effect of which will be to amend 'The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Ashford) Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2007' as amended, the effect of which will be;

(1) To introduce a safety scheme in the vicinity of the junctions of Arlington and Brookfield Road and Arlington and Boxley, Ashford consisting of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions where parking would cause a danger or obstruction.

(2) To introduce a safety scheme in the vicinity of the John Wallis Academy and Ray Allen Centre, Stanhope Road, Ashford consisting of a 'school keep clear' marking to assist pupils and parents / guardians crossing the road and 'no waiting at any time' restrictions where parking would cause a danger or obstruction.

A copy of the proposed Orders and supporting documents may be inspected on line at kent.gov.uk or in hard copy format at Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD A copy will also be available at the main reception of Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

Any persons wishing to object to this Order should write to Amanda Murdoch or email TRO@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the relevant Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 11th November 2012.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

FAULKNERS LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER NOVEMBER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace the parapets on the bridge over the A2, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Faulkners Lane, Canterbury, on or after 11 November 2012, as shown below.

Overnight closures are planned for the Sundays of 11 November 2012, 25 November 2012 and 2 December 2012.

The planned times for each closure are between 9.00 pm through until 5.00 am the following morning.

Faulkners Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the A2 Overbridge.

The alternative routes are as follows

Northbound - via Pilgrims Lane, Bigbury Road, Denstead Lane, westbound on A2 Boughton Bypass to Canterbury Road, eastbound on A2 Boughton Bypass, A2050 Harbledown By-pass, Chartham Hatch Road and Church Hill to Faulkners Lane

Southbound - via Church Hill, Chartham Hatch Road, westbound on A2050 Harbledown By-pass, Denstead Lane, Bigbury Road and Pilgrims Lane to Faulkners Lane

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

MOUNTS ROAD, SWANSCOMBE, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new water supply to property no 111 Mounts Road on behalf of Thames Water, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mounts Road, Swanscombe, Dartford , on or after 22nd October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with A226 London Road and the junction with Knockhall Road and there will be no access for through traffic.

The alternative route is via A226 London Road, Knockhall Chase, Knockhall Chase.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

BEACH STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Beach Street, Deal, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The one-way section of Beach Street from the roundabout will be closed near the junction with South Street.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Broad Street and South Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of this section of Beach Street will be suspended, to allow access.

The alternative route is via Broad Street, A258 Beach Street and South Street.

BROADSOLE LANE, WEST HOUGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate local flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broadsole Lane, West Hougham, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Broadsole Pond.

The alternative route is via The Street, Eight Acres and Broadsole Lane.

BUCKLAND TERRACE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Buckland Terrace, Dover, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Shooter's Hill and the TA Centre.

The alternative route is via London Road, Erith Street, George Street and Shooter's Hill.

COOMBE VALLEY ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER OCTOBER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to alter the crash protection beams on the railway bridge, plus phone cabling in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Coombe Valley Road, Dover, on or after 28 October 2012, as shown below.

Closures are planned for Sunday 28 October and Sunday 4 November 2012, between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm each day.

There is a possibility that the road will also need to be closed the following Sunday 11 November at the same times.

The closures are in the vicinity of the railway bridge, and at the junction with Magdala Road.

The alternative route is via London Road, Crabble Hill, Crabble Road, Crabble Avenue, Hillside Road, Bunkers Hill Road, St Radigund's Road, Barwick Road and Coombe Valley Road (plus additionally eastbound, via Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue and London Road, due to the one-way system).

COOTING ROAD & DORMAN AVENUE NORTH, AYLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has intends to make Order prohibiting through traffic on Cooting Road & Dorman Avenue North, Aylesham, on or after 8 November 2012, as shown below.

COOTING ROAD will be closed at the junction with Spinney Lane.

The alternative route is via B2046 Adisham Road and Spinney Lane

DORMAN AVENUE NORTH will be closed at the junction with Adisham Road.

The alternative route is via B2046 Adisham Road, Spinney Lane, Dorman Avenue South and Market Place.

Only one of the roads will be closed at any one time, and both will be within the hours 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Radigund's Road, Dover, on or after 5 November 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bunkers Hill Road and Marjan Close.

The alternative route is via Primrose Place, Primrose Road, Coombe Valley Road and Barwick Road to St Radigund's Road.

WHITE HILL, LANGDON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance work to the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on White Hill, Langdon, on or after 28 October 2012 for up to 1 day, between 7.30 am and 8.30 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Solton Lane, A258 Deal Road, Hangman's Lane, The Street, East Langdon Road and White Hill.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND AREA

PRINCESS STREET, GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (SUSPEND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because BT cabling, SGN connection and KCC Highway works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Princess Street, Gravesend between Church Street and New Road. Temporary suspension of one way southbound to enable temporary access into Princess Street, Gravesend from New Road, on or after 4th November 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Church Street, West Street, Crooked Lane, The Terrace and Harmer Street .

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 6 November 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A229 Maidstone Road and George Street.

The alternative route is via A229 Maidstone Road, George Street.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

CROCKENHILL LANE, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT works to provide a new telegraph pole for customer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th October 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Eynsford Road and Sparepenny Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Eynsford Road and Sparepenny Lane.

The alternative route is via: Sparepenny Lane, High Street, Dartford Road, London Road Swanley, Wested Lane Swanley.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

MAXTED STREET, STELLING MINNIS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Maxted Street, Stelling Minnis, on or after 5 November 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Maberdan Riding Centre (per Elgin), with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Misling Lane and Whatsole Street.

The alternative route is via Whatsole Street, Big Pett and Lymbridge Green.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A259 SCANLONS BRIDGE ROAD, HYTHE, SHEPWAY) (TOUCAN CROSSING)

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a Toucan Crossing on Scanlons Bridge Road, Hythe, Kent. The Toucan Crossing is to replace the existing uncontrolled crossing which is approximately 80 metres north of its junction with Dymchurch Road

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to cross as there are concerns over safety within the area. The existing pedestrian island is used by an increased number of cyclists, school children and shoppers using nearby facilities and a high population from the surrounding residential housing estates.

Toucan Crossings are designed for both pedestrians and cyclists and are typically used adjacent to a shared use footway (Cyclists are not allowed to cross the road using Zebra, Pelican or Puffin crossings). There is a green cycle symbol alongside the green man and the crossing time is established each time by on-crossing detectors. The pedestrians and cyclists in the area would therefore benefit from the introduction of a Toucan Crossing to assist with the high pedestrian / cycle movements throughout the area.

Jacobs Engineering UK LTD. has been commissioned by the Council to publish the Notice of intent at the same time as providing notification to all interested parties and complies with the requirements of Section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at

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The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Ave, Folkestone, Kent, CT21 2QY.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (GREAT EASTHALL WAY, SITTINGBOURNE) (BUSES AND CYCLES) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to prohibit vehicles from using Great Easthall Way, Sittingbourne, between its junctions with Oak Road and Freeman Drive, with certain exemptions for buses, cycles and restricted classes of other vehicles.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support or object to the proposal should write to Steve Darling, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk - quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 12 November 2012.

MILTON ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of construction works for a new roundabout at the junction with Mill Way, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Milton Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 5 November 2012 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with the B2006 Eurolink Way / Mill Way, with no access between the A2 and B2006 using this route.

The alternative route is via A2 St Michael's Road, Crown Quay Lane and B2006 Eurolink Way.

Church Street, Milton will be closed from 5 November 2012 for up to 16 weeks. The road will be closed at its southern end, near Mill Way. There is no alternative route, as the road is a *cul-de-sac*.

WEST STREET, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Faversham, on or after 5 November 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Flood Lane and South Road.

The alternative route for vehicles under 7.5T is via Stonebridge Way, Beech Close, Lower Road, and B2040 South Road.

A temporary weight restriction of 7.5T (except buses and access) will be in force in respect of Stonebridge Way, at its junction with Dark Hill.

The alternative for all vehicles over 7.5T is via Dark Hill, Bysing Wood Road, B2045 Western Link, A2 London Road, Ospringe Street, London Road, Canterbury Road, B2040 Love Lane, Whitstable Road, East Street, Crescent Road, Court Street, Quay Lane, Conduit Street and North Lane.

The one-way order in respect of West Street will be suspended from South Road to the point of closure to allow access, when indicated by signage on site.

Whilst Caslocke Street cannot be reached via West Street, the alternative route will be via Fielding Street with a ramp to Hatch Street. The One-way Traffic order in respect of Caslocke Street will then be suspended, for access only.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF SWALE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to introduce new waiting restrictions in the following roads:

High Street, Eastchurch
Rose Street, Sheerness
Granville Road, Sheerness
Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

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A2 VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A2 through Sittingbourne, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 7.00 pm until 7.00 am.

A2 will be closed in phases between the junctions with West Street / St Michael's Road and Crown Quay Lane, affecting West Street, Dover Street St Michael's Road and Milton Road.

There will be no access through Sittingbourne using the A2 during these works.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Key Street, Sheppey Way, B2006 Staplehurst Road, St Paul's Street, Mill Way, Eurolink Way and Crown Quay Lane

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF SWALE) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to introduce a new 40mph speed limit as per the following Schedule:

Sheppey Way, Bobbing	From its junction with the Bobbing Interchange roundabout south-westwards for a distance of 350 metres
Bobbing Interchange, Bobbing	For its entire length
Staplehurst Road, Bobbing	From its junction with Bobbing Interchange eastwards for a distance of 50 metres

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HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

ALBION STREET, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new water supply to a property redevelopment, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albion Street, Broadstairs, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 39, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with between St Mary's Road and Alexandra Road.

The alternative route is via Nelson Place, Crow Hill, Lindenthorpe Road, Carlton Avenue, High Street and Albion Street.

GORDON ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gordon Road, Ramsgate, on or after 23 October 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St Luke's Avenue.

The alternative route is via Gordon Road, Winstanley Crescent, A254 Margate Road, Percy Road and St Luke's Avenue.

GROSVENOR PLACE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide an electricity supply to a property redevelopment, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grosvenor Place, Margate, on or after 22 October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 58, with no through access between Eaton Hill and Grosvenor Hill.

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between the junctions with Eaton Hill and Grosvenor Hill, to allow access.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Eaton Hill will be reversed.

The alternative route is via Marine Gardens, A254 Belgrave Road, Eaton Road and Grosvenor Place.

HONEYSUCKLE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway widening and highway works for a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate, on or after 5 November 2012 for up to 6 months or until the works have been completed.

Honeysuckle Road will be closed at the southern junction with A255 Hereson Road.

The alternative route is via Hereson Road and the northern junction of Honeysuckle Road.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

A20 LONDON ROAD CYCLE LANE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A20 London Road Cycle Lane, on or after 8 November 2012 for up to 19 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The cycle lane will be closed from Ditton Place to New Road.

OLDBURY LANE, SPRING LANE & COMMON ROAD, IGHTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 23rd July 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Oldbury Lane, Ightham
Extent:	A25 Ightham bypass to Spring Lane
Dates:	Start: 26 October 2012 End: 18 February 2013
Diversion:	Spring Lane, A25 Ightham bypass
Road Name:	Spring Lane, Ightham
Extent:	Oldbury Lane to Upper Spring Lane
Dates:	Start: 18 February 2013 End: 25 April 2013
Diversion:	Oldbury Lane, A25 Ightham bypass
Road Name:	Common Road, Ightham
Extent:	A25 Ightham bypass to Old Lane
Dates:	Start: 25 April 2013 End: 28 June 2013
Diversion:	A25 Ightham bypass, A227 Borough Green Road/ The Street/Bates Hill/Tonbridge Road, Back Lane

The purpose of the Order is for gas mains replacement.

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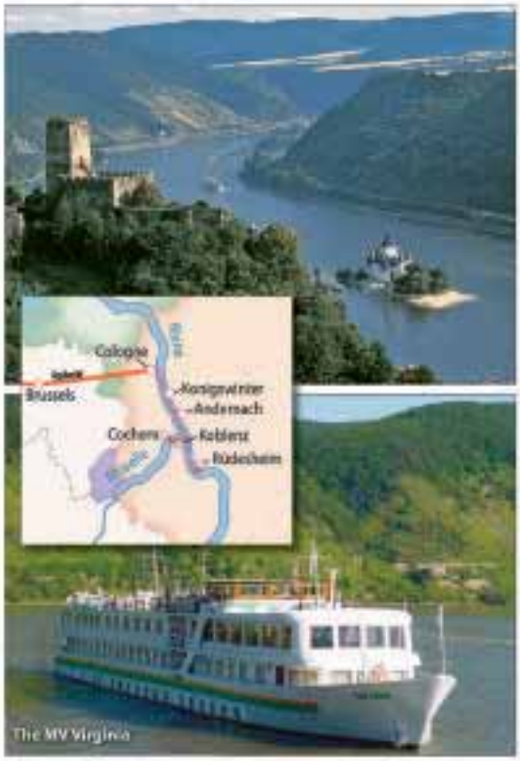
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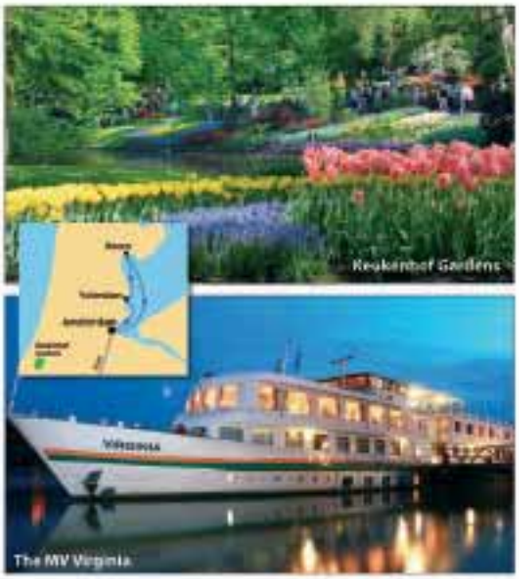
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THE INTERVIEW

Van Morrison

Not fame or money... I do this for love

MUSIC legend Van Morrison takes to the stage at Canterbury's Marlowe theatre this month, bringing both timeless classics and songs from his new album Born To Sing: No Plan B to the cathedral city.

A veteran of the business, his 'Celtic soul' music has its roots in jazz and blues, with albums such as Moondance and Astral Weeks acknowledged as among the most influential ever recorded.

Morrison, originally from Belfast, met BBC Radio presenter John Bennett in his home city to talk about his new work – and started off by explaining its title.

"It seems people have a lot of questions about that," he said. "There isn't really any question. Born To Sing: No Plan B. It is what it says it is. There's no hidden meaning or anything. I don't know why people are always looking for hidden meanings or something else.

"It is what it says on the tin. Singing is my profession. There is no Plan B. Maybe there might be one later on, I don't know."

Morrison outlined his influences and how he most respected musicians who took total control of their work.

"Ray Charles was my role model and he always said he did everything. It's all music and he did everything and he reinvented a couple of things, too, while he was at it."

"And there were guys like Bobby Darin who did everything.

"I mean, Bobby Darin was song-writing before anybody even knew what that was, but he could also do other stuff. He could do folk, he could do Frank Sinatra, you know, so there's people like that who covered all the bases."

Morrison explained that he left his songs open to interpretation from listeners

"Whatever people want to take out of it, that's it," he said.

"Everybody has got their own interpretation of what they are going to take out of any song. Whether that be nostalgia and they remember where they were, or it reminds them of something else, everyone has got their own interpretation of what they are going to take out of any given song.

"I mean, if you have a painting, 20 people can look at that painting and go 'It's about this'

He's Van the Man to his adoring millions... and the legend is coming to Canterbury

or 'It's about that'. It's what you get out of it. That's what it's about.

"So these are ideas – people are going to take out of them what they need or what they want and if they don't need it they are not going to take it, they won't buy into it, but obviously they want to get something that they can put their interpretation on. That's the whole point, I think, of songs."

The second track on the album has the unusual title Going Down To Monte Carlo.

"It seems very strange that you could go to Monte Carlo and find peace, but yeah, hey, that happened to me.

"For one thing, nobody cares. They are too busy with their own lives and they have enough money, so nobody really gives a damn about who you are, really, so that's part of it.

"They're not going to approach you because they are all kind of stars in their own way, so I can be anonymous there.

"Anonymity – people don't realise what a gift it is. They don't realise what they have. People wanting to be famous, they don't know what they're getting into. Anonymity is a gift from God and people don't realise what they have."

Morrison says that commitment to music comes with a "sting".

"The sting is fame because you're not told about that when they tell you 'You were singing in the pram and your granny used to sing these little Scottish melodies to you' and you think 'Yeah, well, that makes sense', but you don't know about all this other crap that you're getting into when you're starting out. When you're starting out, you have no idea.

"See, I've always done this because I love the music. It's like what they say about jazz. You don't do jazz for money, you do it for love.

"Same kind of thing, I'm doing this for love. Not fame, not money, and that's always been the thing – that's why I got into it because I heard people and they did something to me.



LOST IN MUSIC: Van Morrison is still going strong

"They changed my consciousness, they changed my thinking. Something changed within me when I heard these people. So I was like 'Yeah, that's what I want to do because I love it. I want to do that because that is something really...' I don't know what it is. Spiritual?

"It's something that takes you somewhere else, so that's why I want to do it. But it has taken me into these other areas.

"I've tried to do it without getting into these areas, but because of where we are in history and because we have all this internet, all these magazines, all this hype like fashion, fame, it's only recent. All of this stuff is very recent.

"People used to be into music in my day. They didn't care if someone was like wearing a shiny jacket or something, so people usually got into it.

"Why? Because they loved the music. If you wanted to do it, you had to love it. It was all focused on the music if you were doing what I was doing. It wasn't focused on anything else.

"So that became manipulated by 'Oh yeah, blues. We can sell that!' I came in on that. People tend to forget that's where I came in, as a blues singer. The guy that came from London to The Maritime [Morrison's R&B club in Belfast], he came to hear a blues singer and they wanted to sign a band that had a blues singer.

"So that was my calling card. This is all forgotten now, but that's the reality of how I got to make records. They wanted to sign a blues singer from Belfast. They had several from London, one from Newcastle, a few from other places and they wanted one from here.

"I was doing that music because I loved it. Nobody else here was doing it – they didn't want to know. That's the way it was. It was a different world.

"How many people from that era, apart from The Beatles, can you now name? There were hundreds and hundreds of people and a lot of them were really good .You used to see guys in Germany that were amazing.

"Where are they now? You never hear about them. You only hear about the ones that made it."

■ You can read an expanded version of this interview at www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure.

■ Van Morrison plays at The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23-24, at 7.45pm. Phone 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com for tickets.



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An Indian less ordinary, but maybe on another evening

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

There is an unfounded tradition that if you've had one curry, you've pretty much had them all. 'There's a good curry house in town' is almost as common currency as 'We'll meet up for a beer and a curry', the former equating in truth to no more than there's an Indian restaurant nearby. The 'good' means little if anything, too few people making the effort to differentiate.

And so it was to Curry Leaf that I ventured with a friend on a rainy Thursday night in Ashford (an unpromising backdrop, granted). Late work commitments had caused the abandonment of our initial choice, while, once in town, we learnt that our former Indian venue of choice had metamorphosed into a Thai.

No matter, my pal assured he knew of "a good Indian" in another part of town, although his partner had suffered "a bad meal" on the last visit. A mere blip, he was certain.

Well, we didn't get a rubbish meal. I've had bad Indian food... stand up the place in Barry Island that served all members of our party near-identical splurges of cochineal-heavy muck that tasted much the same whether they were korma or vindaloo.

No, Curry Leaf is not from that pod, but did it serve something a little special, a little out of the



ordinary that would demand return visits? Sadly, it didn't. Indeed, I left feeling a touch disappointed. Not horrified, not angered, just a little dissatisfied.

It's hard to say why. The food wasn't particularly badly cooked, while the menu – apart from informing us that the place was under new management and had a new chef and was itself new – offered a number of dishes I hadn't encountered before. Always a good sign and suggestive of the fact that some thought has gone into its composition.

It was, of course, nobody's fault but mine that I hadn't brought my reading glasses and so struggled to make out quite how many choices lay before me, but here's a tip here for all restaurants – nip out and get a cheap pair for those of us too vain or too dozy to bring our own.

In the event, we shared both our mixed starters and king prawn prozapoti (think 'butterfly king prawn' anywhere else), which were both OK.

And OK it remained throughout. My pal seemed content with his lamb rogan and pilau rice, but my duck mirch with mushroom rice didn't stir any great joy in my inner self, the rice being a particular let-down, so much so that I barely half-finished it (and this a dish that I sometimes take in double portions).

The keema naan needed more meat, while the sides of mushroom bhaji and saag aloo disappointed. There, that word again, but know what? I want to go back because flicking again through the menu, this time with glasses on, I know, just know, from the range of dishes at Curry Leaf that this place can lift itself above the ordinary. Don't let me down!

Dave Mairs

■ **Curry Leaf**
9 North Street
Ashford TN24 8LF

A restaurant keeping to cooking Kentish

SPECIALIST local-cuisine restaurant Curiously Kentish opened at The Goods Shed food hall and farmers' market in Canterbury this week.

The restaurant is the brainchild of Jason Freedman, a county native who is also the owner and head chef of The Minnis restaurant at Birchington. He said that he was opening the venue because of his passion for quality local ingredients and preserving Kent cuisine.

Curiously Kentish will make its own dishes from local ingredients using Kentish culinary influence. Traditional recipes will utilise ancient preserving techniques such as curing or smoking and feature anything from salt-beef sandwiches to cured hams and local salami.

The Ambrette is keen to spread its wings

HIGHLY-rated Indian fine-dining restaurant The Ambrette is to expand from its sites in Margate and Rye.

Chef-patron Dev Biswal has revealed plans to expand his culinary concept to six sites in the South East and London, including at Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Canterbury and Guildford.

The Ambrette at Rye, which opened in December last year, is already fully booked throughout the week for lunch and dinner and Biswal believes he has found the winning formula for the restaurant:

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The team at the Bush Blackbird use only British meats in their dishes, which are locally sourced whenever possible.

Impressively, the kitchen staff even grow their own vegetables, taking them fresh from the patch and on to the plate. The huge garden for families to enjoy is always a big draw – or you can just experience a nice, relaxing beverage or good meal after a long walk through the countryside.

There is plenty of parking, as well as disabled facilities, and the establishment allows dogs on the premises.

The team has catered for car rallies and large events, so get in touch if there is a celebration coming up and you're looking for a venue.

There is a quiz night every Tuesday and live bands and music evey month at this East Peckham venue.

■ **Bush Blackbird & Thrush**
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Starter: Pan-fried pigeon breast in butter and black pepper.
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Dessert: Pecan pie.

WAGGON AT HALE: 01634 400800
www.waggonathale.com
Starter: Pinot Grigio mushrooms (vegetables) – mushrooms cooked in a Pinot Grigio, cream and thyme sauce served on a bed of ciabatta.
Main: Spaghetti carbonara – freshly-cooked spaghetti tossed together with bacon, sautéed mushrooms and a white wine and cheese sauce.
Dessert: Home-made bannoffee pots.

BLOOMERS: 01474 322131
www.overcliffehotel.com
Starter: Warm goat's cheese with roasted red onion, rocket and Parmesan salad.
Main: Roasted Scottish salmon fillet with spiced butter and fresh coriander served with a selection of the market's freshest vegetables or mixed salad and French dressing.
Dessert: Strawberries and cream with a chilled glass of Champagne.

WATERSIDE BISTRO: 01634 786721
www.watersidefood.co.uk
Starter: Home-made soup – leek and potato, peppered parsnip, broccoli and stilton and country chicken.
Main: Slow-roast chicken, roast potatoes, sage and onion stuffing,Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and gravy.
Dessert: Hot pear crumble with vanilla custard.



WARM WELCOME: It may be cold outside but there's plenty to keep the chill at bay at the Waggon at Hale, which has a range of events to fire the autumn

Halloween and fireworks light up a Waggon autumn

THE Waggon at Hale is an independent, family-run business that prides itself on giving all guests a warm welcome.

You can dine in the formal restaurant for lunch, evening meals and the very popular Sunday roast, or you can relax on a comfy sofa in front of the fire and enjoy a drink, a snack or indeed something more substantial from the bar menu. The progressive pub hosts many events throughout the year, from wine-tasting to gourmet meals and quiz nights to live music... there is always something going on.

The team prides itself on being family-friendly, offering a warm and friendly atmosphere to all customers; there is a wide range of real ales and wine. However, the unique feature is a small animal farm comprising rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens and the star of the show, Crackling the micro pig, for guests of all ages to come along and meet.

It is renowned for good, honest, home-cooked British pub grub using locally-sourced produce, with a sprinkling of popular world dishes. There is a large family garden with a patio and children's play area, along with the farm.

The team, which is also available to cater for big events like wedding receptions and business conferences, is available from Monday to Saturday, midday to 11pm, and in winter on Sundays from midday to 8pm.

Food is served between midday and 9pm Monday to Saturday and until 6pm on Sundays.

Look out for a couple of big events in the next few weeks as the ghosts and witches of Halloween jump aboard the Waggon.

On Wednesday, October 31, the Halloween horror gourmet meal will be available. Join in for a night of Halloween-themed food, including six courses served with a glass of wine or cocktail for only £24.95 per person. And being Halloween, fancy-dress is preferred. Booking is required with a £5 deposit – the horror gourmet night starts at 8pm.

But the autumnal festivities don't stop there as just two days later, on Friday, November 2, the Waggon continues with a night of fright, Halloween and fireworks party.

Tuck into an outdoor winter BBQ (wrap up warm!) and enjoy live music, face-painting for the children and themed cocktails for the adults. There will also be a bonfire as well as a children's Halloween trick-or-treat hunt from 7pm. The fireworks display will start at 8pm.

■ **Waggon at Hale, 179 Capstone Road, Chatham ME5 7PP**
(phone 01634 400800
website www.waggonathale.co.uk)

New bistro offers all the best of British

THE Waterside Bistro is one of Kent's newest eateries, located in the flagship building of the new Victory Pier development on Gillingham waterfront.

Based at Prospect Place in Blake Avenue, the bistro is modern, light and airy with facilities that include a dining area, coffee lounge, TV, free wi-fi internet and free and easy parking.

It serves fresh traditional English food, including breakfasts, Sunday roasts, home-made soups, tasty hot meals, cakes, sandwiches and afternoon teas.

The coffee lounge has a full range of freshly-ground Italian-style coffees, including espressos, lattés and cappuccinos.

Under owners Shane and Georgette Jarvis, the bistro provides a warm and welcoming family atmosphere and is an ideal place for



functions, parties, special occasions and small office conferences and gatherings.

Waterside Bistro also offers its meals and drinks for customers to take away, so you could buy a freshly-cooked takeaway English meal for the whole family.

On Fridays the bistro serves a fabulous traditional fish-and-chips dinner, complete with classic mushy peas.

The bistro will be providing seasonal fare in the run-up to Christmas and is an ideal setting for small office groups to come and celebrate. Prices are £18 for two courses and £22 for three courses.

The bistro will even be open on Christmas Day and is taking bookings for anyone who would like to have a Christmas dinner without the hassle of cooking, serving and washing up afterwards. What a treat!

■ **Waterside Bistro, Prospect Place, Blake Avenue, Gillingham**
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Souls at sea
Demons down at the docks

Historic Dockyard, Chatham
Sat, October 27-Sun, November 4
01634 823801
www.thedockyard.co.uk

THINGS get spooky and sparkly this autumn half-term at The Historic Dockyard Chatham as visitors explore the eerie and infamous through family activities.

Ghost and Guys activities suitable for all the family include a Guy Fawkes trail, arts and crafts, pumpkin-carving and mask-making.

The ever-popular Megan the Witch will also make a welcome return, with stories of mythical creatures from the deep blue oceans that will enchant rather than scare the younger ones.

Children will learn about ghost ships, superstitions linked to the sea and the monsters and mermaids that either frightened or tempted the sailors of long ago.

A mansion of wild mystery
Myth or truth?

Port Lympne, near Hythe
Tue and Wed, October 30-31
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FOR the first time, the mansion at Port Lympne will open its doors for a blood-curdling tour at Halloween.

Nestled in the heart of the wild animal park is a 100-year-old mansion... dripping in history, mystery and myth.

This year the imposing bronze doors will creak open, allowing the intrepid and the fearless to explore the creepy corridors of the building.

Join the lord of the manor as he uncovers frightening and fiendish events that until now have been imprisoned like skeletons in the closet.

Tours run at 6.30pm sharp on both days and places are limited. Tours cost from £10 and £8 for passport-holders. Children must be over 12 years old.



Screaming for the big screen
Horror movies

Theatre Royal Margate
Saturday, October 27
Doors open at 12.30pm
www.2dayslater.co.uk

KENT'S biggest short-film competition returns this year to Theatre Royal Margate with another creepy programme of horror shorts, just bursting with provocative interpretations of the genre.

The 2 Days Later event is a 48-hour horror genre film-making challenge. It inspires and supports new digital-film-production and has a screening and award ceremony that attracts more than 300 film fans from across the world.

Since 2002 the competition has developed a loyal fan-base, with 122 Kent films being independently financed, produced and screened especially for the Halloween horror film screenings.

Expect some crackers this year with a number of up-and-coming film makers taking part in the action.



Face your real fears
The Freak Week test

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood
Thursday, October 25-Wednesday, October 31
Weekdays 6pm-11pm; weekends, 6pm-midnight
www.hopfarmfreakweek.co.uk

WINNER of the 2011 Screamie Award for best seasonal-scare event, the The Hop Farm brings back Freak Week for another term of torment.

Visitors will be led through dark, twisting labyrinths teeming with nightmare characters and unique special effects.

Raising the scare factor to the next level, Freak Week brings you The Slaughterhouse, Quarantine, The Fun House and The Underground... enter if you dare!

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It's the zombie nation

Limping to the beat

Herne Bay town centre and The Kings Hall
Monday, October 29-Saturday, November 3
Zombie Crawl is free to enter
www.baypromoteam.co.uk

HERNE BAY is putting on Kent's first six-day Halloweek Festival.

There will be Halloween workshops, wizard schools, zombie-accessory-making, pumpkin competitions, a horror double-bill at the cinema, tarot evenings, a giant firework display and a funfair.

Following the success of last year's charity Zombie Crawl in the town, some 1,000 zombies are expected to turn up and stumble around raising money for a good cause.

After the crawl, the 600-capacity Kings Hall will be hosting a Zombie Ball, with sweets and treat for the youngsters and a well-deserved tipple for the adults.

Castle capers

Halloween at historic Hever

Hever Castle, Edenbridge
Monday, Oct 29-Monday, Nov 4
01732 865224
www.hevercastle.co.uk

TREAT the children to a fun day out this Halloween at historic Hever Castle.

There's a spine-tingling programme of entertainment, including a pumpkin trail through the grounds to discover the castle's intriguing past.

You can get creative in the Halloween workshops making your own trick-or-treat to take home. There'll be more ghostly goings-on from the Lady of the Wildwoods, who will keep children spellbound with her stories from beyond the grave.

Young visitors can let off steam in the adventure playground and explore the twists and turns of the maze.

Adult tickets are priced at £14.50, children at £8.30 and family tickets at £37.30.





Slugs, snails, scary tales...

Shriek Week

Drusillas Park, Alfriston
Saturday, Oct 27-Monday, Nov 4
01323 874100
www.drusillas.co.uk

SHRIEK Week returns to conjure up all sorts of eerie events to keep your little horrors happy this half-term.

Venture through the creepy cobwebbed corridors of Haunted Heights into the terror-tory of sin sisters Hocus and Pocus as they play hide and shriek with the unsuspecting public.

Be warned, however, that the gruesome twosome can startle young children and those of a nervous disposition.

The derelict castle towers high above the skyline, but deep at the heart of Haunted Heights lies a ghostly secret.

Thrill-seekers are invited to knock on the trapdoor and discover the spook-tacular surprise within.

The park is open from 10am.

Ghost train

The witching hour upon us

KESR, Tenterden
Mon, Oct 29-Friday, Nov 2
01580 765155
www.kesr.org.uk

TAKE a spooky steam-train ride on the Halloween and Fright Night trains at the Kent & East Sussex Railway.

As the clock strikes 6.30pm on October 31 and November 2, you can ride from Tenterden to Northiam station on the Fright Night train.

Once onboard, be prepared to be frightened by ghostly goings-on at the stations... and a few surprises along the way!

There will be spooky entertainment at Tenterden station and you can join the 'make and take' activities, with pumpkin-carving workshops and a fireworks display.

Every child will receive a snack box and spooky free gift for the all-inclusive ticket price of £14.50. Booking is essential.

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Short-listed Luke is more than a boy as competition heats up



TALENTED: Luke Jackson

ACCLAIMED 18-year-old singer-songwriter Luke Jackson has been selected as a finalist in the 2013 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Jackson, who launched his debut album More Than Boys at Shrewsbury Folk Festival last month, has been named as one of 10 finalists in the national radio station's annual search for the UK's most talented young performers of folk, roots or acoustic music.

Previous competitors and winners include Tim van Eyken, Jackie Oates, Jim Moray, Bella Hardy, Uiscedwr, Moore Moss Rutter and Jarlath Henderson.

Finalists will take part in workshops at the Young Folk Award Weekend before performing in a public concert hosted by DJ Mike Harding.

A panel of judges will select four nominees for the 2013 BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award and the eventual winner will be announced at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards ceremony early next year.

The winners' prizes include the opportunity to record a session for Radio 2 and perform at top UK festivals in 2013, including the prestigious Cambridge Folk Festival.

With a bold voice and honed guitar skills, Canterbury-based Jackson is a confident performer, having already supported groups like Show Of Hands, Steve Knightley and Boo Hewerdine.

The singer has also appeared as a guest on BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday, interviewed by Aled Jones. His 11-track debut album is a riff-layered CD that draws inspiration from memories of childhood camaraderie; a lyrical real-time journey to young adulthood.

This summer Jackson was selected from some 1,000 entries as a finalist in the Beautiful Days Festival Singer Songwriter Competition, organised in conjunction with Acoustic Magazine.

Marlene happy to (still) bare all as she returns to Calendar Girls role

By Joe Bill
joe.bill@archant.co.uk



CHARITABLE LADIES: The Calendar Girls story has been acted out both on stage and silver screen

SHE is probably best known for her flirtatious meetings with Derek Trotter, but the woman behind Marlene Boyce is ready to bare all... again.

Sue Holderness returns to Kent in her fourth stint as part of the Calendar Girls team and the cool winter air has done nothing to discourage the former Only Fools And Horses star from getting her kit off.

She said: "I love it and the best thing is that the cast is almost the same as one I have toured with before. So it's a bit like coming home – we all know each other well.

"It is an extraordinary show. There are moments when the audience will be uncontrollably laughing and other, rather gentler, more moving, times."

The show, which has also been made into a film, is based on the true story of a group from the Women's Institute in Yorkshire who pose nude for a calendar to raise money for cancer treatments.

"I think all of us have been touched by cancer. So there are moments people find very emotional.

"You hear at the end that these extraordinary women have now raised around £4million for leukaemia research, so there are people out there whose lives have been saved by this incredible story."

But, of course, to play the role the actresses have to strip in front of the wandering eyes of the audience.

"I remember the first time we all got together before the 2009 tour – it was the very day I got my senior bus pass. I was thinking 'What am I doing here? I am an Old Age Pensioner taking my clothes off in front of people I've never met.'.

The show itself is choreographed brilliantly and the audience get the idea that they see much more than they do.

"The stage-hands, of course, see everything, but they long ago stopped looking, which I suppose is slightly depressing."

Holderness will be forever remembered as the long-suffering wife of south London wide-boy Boycie in John Sullivan's classic sitcom, a typecast that the actress looks back on fondly.

"People still call out the Marlene catchphrase and even do the Boycie laugh. When that stops, I will be incredibly sad – I love it. And because it's still on TV all the time there's a whole new generation of fans who are watching it now.

"I always used to switch off, but they are so far away now that I don't think about how I could have done that better, because it's too late.

"There are still episodes I haven't seen. Now it's far enough away, so I actually watch and think 'I didn't look bad' because at the time you think you were too fat or ugly, but now, 20 years on, I wish I had realised I didn't look bad back then!"

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by LUCY HEWETT



VERY soon now, the leaves will be falling from the trees and we will be entering the planting season.

These next five months, the dormant season to the end of March, is the time when it's best to do your tree- and shrub-planting. Getting the majority in before Christmas is the ideal, as the roots will have time to settle before spring.

If you are thinking of planting a hedge, please consider a native hedge as they are home to a host of plants and animals that improve our environment considerably. Stock plants are cheap if you buy them bare-rooted in bundles of 10.

A plain hawthorn hedge is great, but for diversity use it as a 50 per cent foundation and weave into the mix wild rose, hazel, wild cornus, guilder rose and wild privet. These additions will provide a range of flowers and berries to attract the birds and add seasonal interest. For the fastest results, plant a double row, staggered a foot apart, with about five plants per metre.

Cut the young whips back by half to help promote denser growth from the base. Whether you are planting natives or a crisper, more cultivated hedge such as beech or hornbeam, thorough preparation is never time wasted. Dig in muck or compost, add a handful of blood, fish and bone per square metre, and keep the base of the hedge weed-free with a mulch or mulch mat. Obviously, winter planting will reduce the need for watering but, if you can, try to water still once a month between now and April.



SUMMER HARVEST: To be sure of a good crop next year, now is the time to plant your raspberries

As it is the time for cutting faded stems, try not to be too overzealous with the autumn clear-up as a wealth of plants comes into its own in the winter. Hydrangea heads, bleached-out ornamental grasses and the skeletons of perennials such as sedum and eryngium are not only of interest aesthetically but also provide cover and habitat for over-wintering insects.

Leaves can be left in the beds, where plants are robust enough to cope with the natural mulch, but remove them from small perennials and Mediterranean herbs that like the air around them to keep them from rotting in winter.

Also, pick up diseased leaves from the base of roses to stop them harbouring blackspot. Buddleia, clematis, wisteria and anything potentially tender should be left until the back end of winter to avoid die-back in hard frosts.

Jobs to do this month

Check variegated shrubs for plain green shoots and prune them away.

Mow lawns on dry days with the blades on a high setting.

Send off for mail-order seed catalogues and start preparing your planting wish list.

Continue/finish planting up your spring-flowering bulbs, including tulips, as soon as possible, preferably before the ground loses the heat of the summer. Winter wet in combination with cold is the biggest killer on heavy soils. Throw a

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JOBS: Tidying hedges and harvesting apples are on the list of things to do in the garden right now

handful of bulbs and plant them where they fall to create a natural drift effect. The general rule of thumb for planting is that two to three times the size of the bulb is the depth you need to dig.

Wrap outside taps with insulation material to prevent them freezing.

Order loads of farmyard manure or mushroom compost to use over winter.

In the fruit and veg patch

• If you have not opted to plant green manure, as suggested last month, in any bare veg beds, dig and manure veg beds with some organic matter instead – this will greatly improve soil structure.

• Insulate your greenhouse with polythene.

• Check fruit in storage and remove any that are showing signs of rot.

• Pruning: as soon as the leaves are down, you can start to winter prune fruit – please refer to RHS The Fruit Garden Display for reference as this is a reasonably complex exercise. However, stone fruit should never be pruned in the winter as the sap is being drawn back into the trees and the airborne spores of silver leaf can be drawn back into the vascular system at the same time.

• Sow hardy peas such as Douce Provence.

• Plant out wallflowers, forget-me-nots, pansies and other spring bedding.

• For raspberries next summer, plant bushes now – try Autumn Bliss or Joan J and have yourself a double crop of sweet fruits; instead of cutting down all the canes in winter, only cut half to give you a summer and autumn crop.

The winter months shouldn't be all gloom and doom, although my Terry definitely thinks it is and every day insists on telling me how much earlier it has got darker than the day before.

Bring some colour and beautiful scent into your home in time for Christmas by forcing scented narcissus Paperwhites indoors: settle bulbs on a layer of glass marbles or pebbles in clear vases and keep water levels just below the base of the bulbs.

I am sure you will be grateful of these sweet-smelling pretty lovelies in the depths of winter.

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Warm glow of saving money

AN innovative radiator reflector that could save big money on household heating bills is now on the market. The Radflek – which reflects radiator heat that would otherwise be lost back into a room – has now received an Energy Saving Trust Recommended label.

Most radiators direct some 40 per cent of their radiated heat towards the wall behind. Radflek reflects this heat back into the room – primarily into the radiator – so that the radiator maintains its operating temperature using less energy with a lower load on the boiler.

Elaine Berry, of the Energy Savings Trust, said: "Having an efficient and cost-effective heating system is one of the main steps you can take to reduce your energy consumption and carbon-dioxide emissions, and Radflek radiator reflectors are an excellent means of helping your radiators work more efficiently."

Michael Watson, Radflek chief executive, said: "Thousands of householders are facing significant gas and electricity price rises as a raft of cheap energy deals come to an end, and price increases across the big six energy suppliers are expected in October. With winter looming and the fact that many houses in Britain do not retain heat well, now is the time to get Radflek behind your radiators."

Dave Hoffman recently installed the device in his three-bedroom, semi-detached house in Aylesford.

The property had been built just 10 years earlier and was already well insulated. However, rising energy bills led Mr Hoffman to look for other ways to make his heating more efficient and economical.

He said: "I think most people are looking for ways to save money and there are several things one can do at home to improve energy efficiency. It seemed logical to me that it would be more efficient to redirect the radiator heat that is going backwards, so I found Radflek as a solution.

"The great thing about Radflek is we felt the results immediately: as soon as I put them behind the radiators, we could feel more heat coming in to the room and we were able to turn the thermostat down. Radflek is clearly saving us money on our heating bills."



HOT STUFF: The Radflek reflects the heat from your radiator back into the room

... and fitting solar panels can help, too



RESEARCH reveals how almost 5 million people living in the South East have no idea how much they might expect to save on their total energy bill by installing solar panels.

The average annual saving per household is estimated at £830.47 and homeowners also add value to their property by investing in the solar panels.

Meanwhile, almost 50,000 homeowners say the main reason they haven't installed solar panels is that they think a lack of sunshine means they won't work properly. In reality, solar panels work in all daylight weather conditions.

The Green Home Company, a provider of renewable-energy systems, says when looking at saving money on energy bills, 4.8 million people in the region are unaware solar panels can help them pay less. But the company says homeowners can expect to save up to 50 per cent off their energy bills by installing solar panels.

Industry data indicate the average household spends £1,200 per year on energy bills. This is predicted to rise significantly in the coming years as result of rising costs.

John Benner, managing director at The Green Home Company, said: "Clearly, people really aren't fully aware of just how easy it is to save money with solar panels.

"With energy bills predicted to increase dramatically, people need to be armed with the correct information about how much money they can save as, in the vast majority of cases, it's significantly more than they might think. Solar panels are an effective way of combating rising utility costs and we encourage everyone to investigate their home's potential today."

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The weekend of Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27, sees Big Garden Birdwatch, the annual monitoring of the UK's avian population by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The charity is asking volunteers to spend an hour recording the maximum number of each species they see at any one time.

An RSPB spokesman said: "By giving up one hour of your day, you'll be making a real difference to our knowledge of garden birds. We'll be able to distinguish the ones that are doing well from those that need our help.

"Life's so busy – how often do you get to sit back and really notice the wildlife around you?"

The society has compiled a list of the country's most common garden species:

House Sparrow
One of the most cosmopolitan of all birds. Its population is normally highest where humans live, its spread and distribution following closely that of human settlements.

Starling
Starlings often roost in massive numbers, but their numbers have declined by three-quarters in recent years.

Blue Tit
Blue Tits breed in their first year and pair formation takes place in the winter after moulting the previous year's feathers.

Blackbird
This species can breed up to four times a year. It usually lays up to five speckled-brown, blue-green eggs. The incubation time is 13-14 days on average.

Chaffinch
Chaffinches have been known to live for a remarkable 14 years.

Woodpigeon
This is a bird that has made a strong advance into towns from the country.

Goldfinch
Goldfinches build their nests on the outer twigs at the end of a branch; they particularly favour fruit trees.

Great Tit
A species perhaps best known for its piercing 'Teacher! Teacher!' song, which sounds very much like a bicycle pump and is usually heard in the spring and summer.

Robin
Robins first appeared on Christmas cards as a representation of Victorian postmen, who wore red tunics and were known as 'redbreasts'. They are also associated with Christmas because they hold territories by singing in the winter.

Collared Dove
Collared Doves aren't great nest-makers – sometimes chicks fall through the flimsy branches. Collared Doves are chiefly vegetarian, finding most of their food from the ground or on bird tables.

Dunnock
Dunnocks are well known for 'trios', with a female and two males attending a nest.

Magpie
Magpie numbers have quadrupled in the last 35 years. This is a direct result of the reduction in persecution as lowland gamekeeping declined. Their population was at a low-point in the 1960s and it increased until the late 1980s; for the past 20 years it has remained fairly constant.

Long-tailed Tit
The Long-tailed Tit makes a tennis-ball-sized nest out of moss and spiders' webs. As the fluffy chicks grow, the nest expands around them. If a breeding attempt fails, the pair will split up and go to the nest of a sibling to help raise the chicks.

Greenfinch
In spring, the males perform a wonderful display flight, looking more like butterflies. They sing a simple but musical song.

Wren
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Council makes letting a home easy as ABC

THE private rented housing sector is a popular option for many families, but they are often prevented from accessing it because they cannot afford to pay large amounts of rent in advance, high deposits and fees.

This means they often ask a council for assistance in finding suitable accommodation in the private rented sector.

This year Ashford Borough Council's cabinet members agreed to proceed with creating ABC Lettings (A Better Choice Lettings agency for Ashford). The service has been designed to help landlords offer properties for rent to households the council has identified as being on local housing allowance rent levels.

The first landlords have now begun to sign up to the scheme, meaning the council conducts all the relevant checks on the prospective tenants and then brokers a tenancy agreement between the applicant and landlord.

With one option, the landlord has the guarantee that rent will be paid for the duration of the tenancy plus the reassurance the tenancy will be fully managed.

Cliff Johnson, one of the first landlords to sign up to the scheme, said: "ABC Lettings appealed to me as it is a hassle-free option. It enables me to be a landlord, but at arm's length. Landlords can be reassured things will be managed for them, freeing their time up, particularly if they live outside the borough."

ABC Lettings has been devised in anticipation of a further reduction in funding from central government, the benefit reform and the potential knock-on effects of the troubled economic climate being experienced.

Operating in a similar way to a high-street lettings agency, ABC Lettings focuses its attention on tenants who are normally seen as high risk when often they are refused simply because they can not meet the requirements of agents or landlords.

Furthermore, the National Landlords Association has confirmed schemes of this nature do not compete with high-street agencies.

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By Nick Ames

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SO SWISH: Berkeley Homes show apartment reveals the contemporary style of Victory Pier

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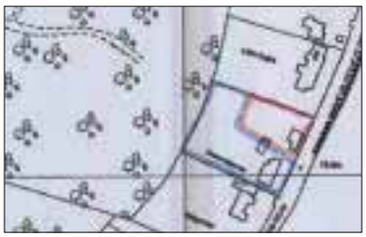
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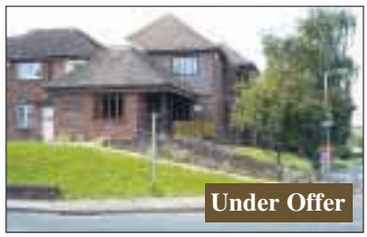
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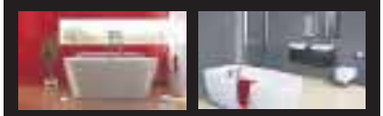
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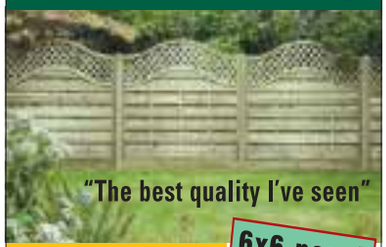
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Impressive Kia Ceed continues to worry big name rivals

Driving

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IST DRIVE **HYUNDAI VELOSTER TURBO**

Price: £21,995
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Image: ★★★★
Space: ★★★★
Value: ★★★★★
Running costs: ★★★★
Reliability: ★★★★★
How green?: ★★★
Best rival: Vauxhall Astra GTC

Hyundai adds more velocity to boost sales of Turbo Veloster

IT'S one thing to have an affordable and surprisingly practical new coupé, but it has to have some image, too.

And this is a gaping hole now plugged by Hyundai with a more muscular flagship to head a Veloster range that had, frankly, been missing a bit of velocity.

The new Veloster Turbo is almost a different beast, being visually, dynamically and aurally much changed from the rather humdrum launch version.

Hyundai says the latter will still deliver most sales, but the new Turbo will surely drive the image of the range as a whole and attract keener drivers, deservedly so even if it's up against tough rivals in a sharply-defined market niche led by the VW Scirocco, Vauxhall Astra GTC and Renault Megane.

The new Toyota GT86/Subaru BRZ cooperative venture also deserves a mention both on price and driver appeal, though it won't challenge the Hyundai on creature comforts and interior style.

In truth, though, the Hyundai still doesn't quite have the handling sharpness to attack any of these cars head-on as a sporting coupé, even though the 1.6-litre petrol turbo engine delivers loads more low-down punch compared with the unblown GDi version and will hit 62mph in 8.2 seconds against 9.7.

But then it's not just about power and speed here; the Veloster Turbo also looks the part with a beefed-up front end, including a deeper radiator grille, and prominent twin exhausts and diffuser at the back. Sideskirts add to the powerful stance of the car.

It even has its own colour palette, too, including a matt grey – not cheap at an extra £525, but maybe money well spent to those who like the stealth-fighter look.

And, of course, there's the Veloster's unique ace-up-the-sleeve: a extra door on the kerbside allowing easy access for passengers in the back, particularly ideal for those who want a racy motor without the hassle of tipping front seats or leaning right into the back to belt up the kids.

Admittedly, it doesn't look promising in there for anyone over the age of 10, thanks to that wickedly-raked rear roof, but access is surprisingly good and I found it pretty easy to slide across to the other side.

The third door is cleverly integrated into the car's profile and, since you never view both sides together, you won't spot the difference unless you go for the schizophrenic effect of sitting in the front and glancing over each shoulder in quick succession.

Typically, the specification is generous, with this new T-GDi flagship selling at a tempting £21,995 backed by Hyundai's five-year/unlimited mileage warranty, and including leather seats – the driver's is electrically adjustable – and a seven-inch multifunction touchscreen display for eight-speaker sounds, sat-nav and reverse-parking camera.





SPEEDSTER: Despite having obvious power and speed, the new Turbo Veloster also looks the part with its beefed-up front end, diffuser and sideskirts and offers a level of comfort that outshines many rivals

DON'T LIKE

... bits of the interior detailing. Some may find it a tad glitzy, but the Turbo offers value for money, reliability and that generous warranty.

NOT SURE

... the Hyundai name can yet beat ingrained badge snobbery, particularly in this sector, but the Korean marque is slowly overpowering this.

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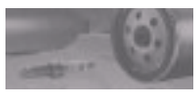
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Kia re-Ceeding market appeal

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KIA'S impressive design supremo and former Audi star Peter Schreyer could do little more than sign off the previous Kia Ceed profile when he arrived at the Korean car-maker.

This time around, his signature is writ large across the car; it's altogether more stylish and features Kia's Schreyer-inspired and now trademark 'tiger nose' grille flanked by distinctive swept-back headlamp clusters with upmarket LED running lights.

For on-road presence it need not doff its cap to rivals and it is now a formidable challenger to the family hatchback sector leader, the VW Golf – a car that Kia admits was the key benchmark in the new Ceed's development.

What's even more impressive, though, is how quickly Kia has achieved this near-parity with the VW star – no one would have bet on this 10 years ago, before the original Ceed was conceived.

When it arrived in 2007, it was a game-changer, conceived and built in Europe for Europe and highighting Kia's progress and value for money, also pioneering the brand's incredible and still unchallenged worry-free seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

From that, the marque has built several other new stars; the second-generation Ceed (from £14,395) seems set to kick on from there.

In some areas, it still cannot quite compete with the Golf and its other big rivals, the Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra, but it looks good and still offers value, with acclaimed reliability backed by that warranty, while you sense that badge snobbery against the brand is on the wane – buying a Ceed can be a smart choice rather than one made to please the wallet.

Where does it fall short, then?

Well, keen drivers may find the handling less interesting and, despite useful 'comfort', 'normal' and 'sporty' settings for the steering, you don't get too much feedback from it – certainly not compared with rivals mentioned previously.

But most buyers won't worry about any of this and simply enjoy the car's solidity and build quality, a roomy cabin with good rear legroom, a decent-size boot and a dashboard that mirrors the quality and practicality of the Golf but shows more flair.

As I said after my first drive of the car earlier in the year, I'm not convinced of the quality of the seats in terms of comfort and trimming unless you go for leather, but I'm sure Kia will address this later – this is a brand that has shown it really does listen to media and consumer comment.

And it does look like I'm nit-picking when you consider the high equipment levels.

The range is offered with a choice of 1.4- and 1.6-litre engines in both petrol or diesel, and all of the manual 1.6 versions get Kia's eco-friendly ISG (intelligent stop and go) package.

In the case of the mid-spec Ceed 2 1.6CRDi test car, this gives you the equivalent of the VW Golf BlueMotion eco star for £18,295 – almost two grand less and with more standard goodies including Bluetooth and cruise control – and with the same capability to escape road tax and average more than 70mpg.

I've no experience of the 1.4 Ceeds but would say the 1.6 petrol alternative is also worth a look (from £17,195) for those not racking up enough miles to justify spending extra on the diesel; it's livelier, though surprisingly vocal about it compared with the diesel, yet will still average a creditable 50mpg or thereabouts with the ISG and eco features.

For those needing just a bit more space, there is a newly-launched and stylish estate or SW – as Kia prefers – with the prospect of a racy three-door Proceed later

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MOVER AND SHAKER: Kia has made huge strides with its Ceed and now has a family hatchback that could seriously threaten the dominance of the market-leading VW Golf and other big rivals the Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra

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Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
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Toledo rides the road again

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Volkswagon's Spanish arm last used the Toledo name on an MPV axed some three years ago. Its belated replacement looks like a small saloon but has a hatchback for added versatility.



Alfa makes an attractive deal

GLAMOROUS Italian car brand Alfa Romeo has unveiled tempting autumn finance packages, starting at just £169 a month plus deposit for its sporting MiTo three-door supermini.

Deals for the bigger five-door Alfa Giulietta, left, start at £199 a month plus deposit.

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FOOTBALL

Sittingbourne heading in the right direction

JOINT Sittingbourne boss Danny Ward may have seen his revamped side slump to a heavy loss at Maidstone United's multi-million pound new ground during the week, but the Stones' ability to bounce back from financial adversity will be a lesson he clings to.

While Maidstone have returned to the county town in style after a nomadic existance, they have rebuilt themselves, and underlined just how far they have come with a comfortable 4-0 drubbing of the Brickies in the Isthmian League Cup on Tuesday night.



VISIT: Ward at Stones

Having come back from dark days of their own – the club over extended with the building of Central Park, before being hit by financial issues which forced them to play instead on the stadium's training pitch, Bourne Park – Ward feels Sittingbourne are going in the right direction once again.

He explains: "The catchment area is great for Sittingbourne. When fans come they are enjoying what they see. Our support is second to none, Sitingbourne is another one of those clubs that if we could get a major investor we could do the same."

Maidstone followed hot on the heels of Dartford who have been revitalised since their Princes Park Stadium opened, ushering in big crowds and renewed optimism and hunger for success.

Ward adds: "We played Waltham & Hersham the other week and the attendance for that fixture last year was 120, this year it was 165, so it shows we are going in the right direction.

"The Stones' stadium is very nice, a bit different from when we were managing Maidstone. I loved my time at Maidstone, I really enjoyed it. I left on good terms, they are good people, good football people, and I always got on well with the fans."

It was a much-changed line-up for the Brickies in the defeat and featured left back Anthony John, who can also play left wing, on trial.

"He did well, no problems at all," said Ward.

There is another opportunity for fans to meet the managers, Jim and Danny Ward, and the players, at the clubhouse at Bourne Park on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

MOTORSPORT

Byrne hints at return to the MotoGP circus after sealing a third BSB title

By Greg Miles
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SHANE Byrne admits there is a tinge of disappointment in claiming his record-equalling third British Superbike Championship title.

The 35-year-old rode into the history books in commanding fashion at Brands Hatch last weekend claiming all three races of the final of the three title-deciding 'Showdowns'. He had only jumped to the top of the leader board at the previous round having trailed all season in his bid to add to his 2003 and 2008 triumphs.

That disappointment comes from a desire to not just follow in the footsteps of other triple champions Niall Mackenzie and Ryuichi Kiyonari, but to become the best.

"In some ways it's the most disappointing title win," said the Sheppey rider. "I'm a three-time champion, but people have done that already, I don't want to do what has already been done I want to be the best. A big part of me wants to win a fourth."

With his team, Paul Bird Motorsport, involved in MotoGP it remains to be seen whether he will be back to challenge for his fourth title.

"I honestly don't know. The decision will be made in the next ten days or two weeks I think," he said.

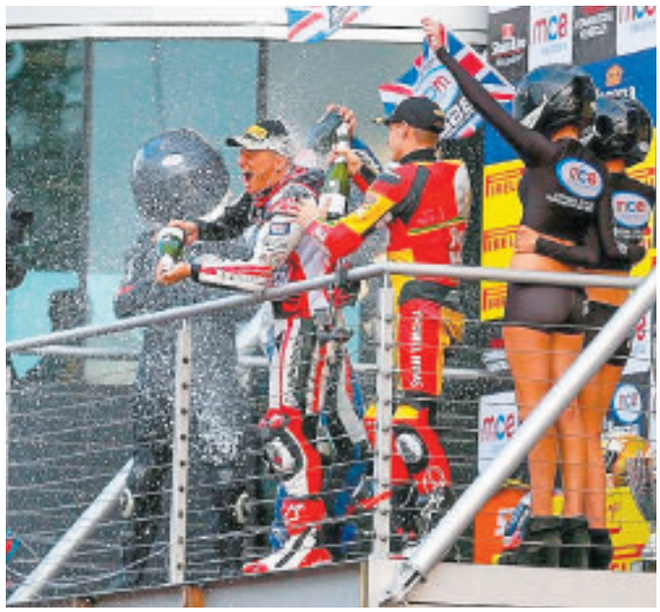
"I want to stay with my team, but my team have two competitions to think about, the MotoGP and BSB."

Byrne is no stranger to the MotoGP circus after making the move following his title triumph in 2003. But he struggled to keep up with the pace due to a string of problems and by 2006 he returned to BSB.

But that is a decision for the coming weeks.

It was feared he may not even put up a fight for the 2012 title as the season drew to its nail-biting conclusion. A crash at Cadwell Park at the end of August left him with serious shoulder ligament damage. But he returned at Assen in Holland for the first Showdown weekend in style.

"I'm not the sort of person to give up. I think if you had sawn my leg off I would have got back on the bike somehow," he said. "We went there three and a half weeks after major shoulder surgery with a second and a first. It was a surprise for everybody. I think I had four wins and three seconds."



WINNER: Shane Byrne gets the Champagne flowing after clinching third BSB title at Brands Hatch last Sunday having not led the standings all season until the penultimate round of races at Silverstone.

Byrne took the lead in the standings for the first time this season in the penultimate round at Silverstone.

As the pressure mounted, he escaped to calm himself.

"I tried to remain as relaxed as possible, especially in the build up," he said.

"We went to the Czech Republic to see my in-laws. It's the one place in the world I get to really relax.

"I didn't take any phone calls, or cook, they really look ed after us. It was like me and my wife were a freshly married couple again; we hardly saw the children. It was nice to have some down time.

"I'm incredibly lucky, my wife's parents are lovely people, and being in the Czech Republic they don't see their grandchildren every week so when they do they really make the most of it."

It was a long night on Sunday as he celebrated the title with his team: "The celebrations were pretty big, but not quite as big as the hangover I had. My whole team and I got together and had dinner. We had some drinks and went on to hospitality and had a big disco. It was a cool night.

"Now I will sit back and enjoy what I have done. I need to go on a holiday now."

He said he and his team learnt a big lesson from last season when technical problems left him stranded in the Showdown having dominated all year. This time he made sure everything was ironed out in time for the final three rounds.

"Since Brands back in August the bike has been fundamentally the same. We wanted to come into the Showdown knowing exactly where we were with the bike," he said. "At the end of the day I'm just a piece of the jigsaw, if everything else wasn't there it wouldn't happen."

FOOTBALL

Lilywhites restructure beginning to show its worth

FAVERSHAM boss Ray Turner has praised the impact of his younger players as the club's new structure begins to bear fruit.

In the summer the club did away with its reserve side and streamlined its under-18s down to a single team. It's meant that first team manager Turner has been able to get to know the younger players at the club.

The set-up seems to be working as the Lilywhite's under-18s are top of their Ryman league and are into the first round of the FA Youth Cup. Five of that squad played a big part in the first team squad's win in the Isthmian League Cup on Tuesday night over Ryman Premier side Cray Wanderers. Kieran Oliver, 17, scored twice as they won 4-3.

He said it was important to include home grown players first before looking outside of the club.

"Tuesday against Cray was excellent, we had five players involved from the under-18s," he said. "There are players that want to come to the club, but we don't want to overlook the good work that's already being done here. Tuesday was a good opportunity to give them a taste of things at this level.

"It's important that they are patient and perform with the under-18s. We changed our structure this summer, and streamlined and went back to just one under-18 side with a view to having an under-21 side in the future.

"I have got to know the under-18 side, I'm very much linked in with them. The management team are doing a good job, they are top of their league at the moment, so they are doing pretty well.

"They play on a Monday night and in midweek so it doesn't clash with the first team and I'm able to watch games for myself. With a reserve side, their games mirrored ours on a Saturday so I couldn't watch.

"I'm really pleased with the way it's structured. We have got proper quality coming through. I was critical of our reserve side last season because I wasn't sure if it was an appropriate level to play at."

The club is currently on a five game unbeaten run before this weekend's visit of Three Bridges, which has left them fifth in the table, and just two points from top.

He said: "It's a good place to be at the moment. We have got continuity and trust in the group, and we have shown belief. We made a lot of changes in the summer, but the group are getting together now. We have got 17 senior players and I've had them since July. They are getting that understanding and trust, it's just coming through now.

"The result at Whitstable was a turning point, we won that in dramatic style, that gave us some belief. The league is incredibly tight. Between us and third from bottom there are just five points."



PLEASED: Turner feels new setup is vindicated

FOOTBALL

Friends reunited as Gills take flight to face the Gulls

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IT will be a case of friends reunited on Tuesday night when Gillingham assistant manager John Schofield meets his former boss.

Martin Allen's Gills take on Martin Ling's Gulls at Torquay's Plainmoor in what promises to be an entertaining tie if last season's encounter is anything to go by. On that occasion Gills midfielder Chris Whelpdale netted a goal of the season contender in a 5-2 win last October.

This season's clash is a chance for Schofield to catch up with Ling who employed him as assistant manager at Cambridge at the start of the 2010/11 season.

It proved to be an ill-fated seven months at the Blue Square Premier side as they lost their jobs in the first weeks of 2011 after a poor start.

"I met John on a training course many moons ago. We became good friends on that course and we have always talked to each other," he said. "When an opportunity to get an assistant in at Cambridge came about John got in touch. He was out of work at Lincoln and suggested we might be a good partnership.

"The time there wasn't great, not because of anything John did though. We didn't have a good start and by the end of January in the first season we were asked to leave."

He pinpointed the energy that Schofield brings to the team as one of his greatest assets.

He said: "John is a brilliant coach, he's loves to be out on the grass, for me he was first class. He's worked with Martin [Allen] at three different clubs now so that says it all really. I don't think he would ever be out of work long if he became available.



RESPECTED: Torquay manager Martin Ling hired John Schofield when at Cambridge and praised the affect he has in the dressing room ahead of Gillingham's match against the Gulls on Tuesday.

"You never see him without a smile on his face. Every single day he would bounce in and then bounce off to the training ground, and that makes managing a football team a bit easier."

Toquay have plenty of promotion ambitions of their own having lost to Cheltenham in the play-off semi finals last season, but they were 11 points behind the Gills before the weekend's fixtures. Despite Gillingham's incredible start with just one loss before this weekend's visit of Burton Albion, Ling knows his opposite number on Tuesday won't be putting his feet up.

He said: "Martin [Allen] will be the first to say there's only a quarter of the season gone and a big chunk left. It's a marathon not a sprint.

"I get on great with him. You always get a hard game, and a hard hand shake at the end. He's got his ways, and his methods, but there is always more than one way to skin a rabbit."

ICE HOCKEY

Parrish full of praise as former star returns to the Dynamos

INVICTA Dynamos coach Kevin Parrish is hoping returning hero Anthony Leone will give his side a boost after returning to the Gillingham side in style.

The 29-year-old last iced for the Dynamos in the 2006/07 season and went on to play for Romford Raiders and the Chelmsford Chieftains, before inking a new deal.

He made an instant impact on his return last Saturday, helping the Dynamos to their first win in five matches.

A goal and two assists saw him pick up the man of the match award as they came back from 3-2 down in the final period to win 5-3 against the Streatham Redskins in the NIHL South Division 1.

"In his two years away Anthony has proven he still has more than enough to be a force at this level and his arrival could provide a timely boost," said Dynamos boss Parrish. "He had his fair share of doubters when he made the switch to Essex but his points return and general all round play speaks volumes for his ability and now he is keen make his name once again here in Gillingham.



PARRISH: Leone can be a force

"Anthony wore the captain's armband in Romford and is a big character to have in the dressing room. Having been away from the game since departing the Raiders at the close of the last campaign he is itching to get back out on the ice.

"I've no doubt that his desire and passion to be involved once again will help us turn our recent mixed form into the wins we need to see."

The Dynamos came back down to earth with a bump on Sunday as they were battered 8-3 by Leone's former side the Chelmsford Chieftains.

MOTORSPORT

Jackson eyes title in final round of the BTCC series

REDSTONE Racing will be hoping to make home advantage count this weekend as Mat Jackson chases the independent drivers' title in the last round of the British Touring Car Championships.

Two weeks ago at Silverstone, Jackson delivered the first podium of the season for the Kent-based team run by Motorbase Performance.

It's given him an outside chance of claiming the title in the final three races which take place this Sunday.

"Silverstone was a great achievement by all of the Redstone Racing team," he said. "The first win is always the hardest and now that we have achieved this, we can further improve and hopefully can challenge for more wins in the finale at Brands Hatch this weekend to round off the season with a high. We are under no illusion that it will be tough, but we like a challenge."

Meanwhile, there are still four drivers in the hunt for the overall title. Former BTCC champions and old rivals Matt Neal and Jason Plato will both be aiming to overhaul title leader Gordon Shedden, who hopes to lift the famous trophy for the first time. Andrew Jordan still retains an outside chance of become the youngest ever winner at 23.



HARD: Jackson expects tough drive

Live coverage of the three races will be shown on ITV4 from 11am until 6pm on Sunday.

RUGBY



OPTIONS: Anchorians have just one new player

Anchorians in hunt for stability as they adapt to life in higher league

GILLINGHAM Anchorians club captain Paul Knight admits it's a struggle for the club to attract players because of their location, but is happy with the squad that's so far holding its own in the London 3 South East.

The Anchorians were promoted from the Kent League One last season for the first time in 17 years, and have kept the same squad, bar one arrival, to compete at the higher level.

Their location in the centre of Gillingham means they are competing for players with the likes of Sheppey, Medway and Sittingbourne among others.

"We are quite a small but tight knit squad in the first 15. It's the same side that won promotion last year," he said. "We have added one person to the squad.

"You can never have too many players, but it's just not possible. We are in the centre of Gillingham, and we have got quite a few clubs in our catchment area.

"We are a fairly social side, we don't pay anyone and we never will. We have got to attract them somehow. Some clubs do it by offering players work, kit or money, but it's something as a club we will never do."

He said they have coped with the step up, helped by the youthful nature of their squad, something which hasn't always been the case in the past.

"It's a big step up, it's a league we haven't been in for 17 years," he said. "The pace and intensity is quicker. I think the intensity the sides play at at the breakdown is the big difference. We haven't really adapted anything, we are just taking things game by game.

"We have got a young and vibrant squad. I think the average age of the first team is around 25. This league is a brand new experience for everyone."

They have got off to a steady start in London 3 South East, and were sixth in the table having won their first two games and lost two before this weekend's clash at Uckfield, which is a pleasing start for Knight.

"If you had said to anyone at the club that we would win our first two games, we would have taken that," he said.

"We are going to win some games and lose some games, but we expect that. We are just going to learn from our mistakes and aim to be get better and stay in the league."

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